



Law and order tops package for the polls

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Government launched in the Queen's Speech yesterday a 19-Bill parliamentary programme for what MPs are convinced will be the run-up to a general election within a year.

Its emphasis is on law and order, local government and education, with a rates reform package for Scotland which will be extended to the rest of Britain if the Conservatives win the election.

In the Commons Mrs Margaret Thatcher raised election expectations by spending as much time on a withering assault on Labour's policies on defence as she did outlining the legislative programme.

Labour's leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, speaking earlier, pledged opposition to the attempt to replace Scottish rates with a community charge on everyone over 18 and to the plan to repeal arrangements for teachers' pay. The major item in the lighter-than-average legislative programme is the Criminal Justice Bill, which includes powers for confiscation of big-time criminals' assets, tougher penalties for financial fraud and for carrying firearms, streamlined

The main Bills

- **Criminal Justice:** Provides for confiscation of assets of big-time criminals, allows children to give evidence by video link.
- **Education:** Scraps Burnham machinery for fixing teachers' pay.
- **Abolition of Domestic Rates (Scotland).**
- **Local Government:** Forces councils to put out to tender such services as catering, refuse collection and vehicle maintenance.
- **Landlord and Tenant:** Strengthens rights of tenants in privately owned blocks of flats.
- **Consumer Protection:** Gives the right to compensation for injuries caused by defective products.

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extradition procedures, increased compensation provisions for victims and provision for children to give evidence by live video link in sex and assault cases.

The Government has long been pledged to the abolition of domestic rates and the process will begin with a Bill to replace rates in Scotland with a community charge. Resentment of high rates after a revaluation in Scotland has seen the Conservatives languishing in the opinion polls and in danger of losing more than half their 21 seats.

Non-domestic rates will be index linked from 1989-90 but the Bill will not introduce the unified business rate which the Government is planning in Britain if rates reform is extended to the rest of the country after the election.

Further local government

measures will include a Bill to force councils to put out to competitive tender services such as catering, vehicle maintenance and refuse collection and to prevent councils imposing what the Government sees as unfair non-commercial conditions on companies tendering for local authority contracts.

The Department of the Environment, with the heaviest legislative workload, will also have a Bill to increase the rights of flat-dwellers in privately-owned blocks whose owners fail to provide adequate maintenance or change for services and a Bill to implement the Poppelwell inquiry's recommendations for tightening up safety at sports grounds.

An Education Bill will repeal the Remuneration of



The Princess of Wales chatting with traditionally dressed Omani women students during a visit to the Sultan Qaboos University yesterday. Report, page 8.

Prisoners release 5 hostages

By Howard Foster

The first sign of a breakthrough in the Peterhead jail siege came yesterday when five sick prisoners were released from the cell block last night. The 50 inmates have been occupying for four days.

Delicate negotiations between prison authorities and the prisoners to secure the release of the officer, Mr John Crossan, who has been held hostage since Sunday bore fruit when the five men, all needing medication, climbed from a first floor window to join prison staff.

In return, the remaining inmates, including a small hard core who started the riot and siege were passed sandwiches and cigarettes.

Mr Crossan, aged 25, who was seized by the three ring leaders of the protest on Sunday, was seen to be crying and covered his face with his hands as he was escorted by 34 of the 50 prisoners on to the roof of their cell block yesterday morning.

Whilst the Scottish Office and the prison staff remained silent about the true nature and scale of the negotiations to end the siege it is understood that trained psychologists are inside Peterhead's jail advising staff how to initiate and develop a relationship with the volatile prisoners. When the system fails, page 18

£1.6m research on helicopter safety

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A £1.6 million research fund is to be set up to develop new monitoring techniques for helicopter gearboxes.

The Department of Transport is to provide £500,000 immediately to launch the fund with the rest coming from the industry and the Civil Aviation Authority.

The main aim of the research will be to develop HUMS - Health Usage and Monitoring Systems - which will be installed deep within

had an early indication that something was wrong. The crashed helicopter carried an experimental version of the system but it was only linked to the engine and monitored changes in temperature and vibration levels.

The trouble was eventually traced to a fatigue crack in a cog in the forward gearbox. The new HUMS system will be installed near that part and will automatically warn the pilot if there is a problem.

The helicopter manufacturers, Boeing, have now been asked to supply modified parts for the gearbox for the other three identical helicopters in British International's fleet. If they can be shipped to Scotland quickly the modification will be carried out and the CAA asked to certify the aircraft as fit to fly.

The potential disaster was foreseen by the Airworthiness Requirements Board when it studied helicopter safety between 1982 and 1984. They said in the report: "Gear teeth and other parts of the transmission may crack from stress concentrations or local material defects..."

Work has been going on in a number of helicopter manufacturers, including Westland, in designing an efficient monitoring system. Now the new research fund will enable much of this work to be pulled together.

Teacher talks under threat

By Mark Dowd
Education Reporter

Deep divisions between the six teaching unions were last night threatening to wreck hopes for a negotiated settlement on pay and conditions as reconvened talks with local authorities in London.

After several hours of exchanges, it became clear that two of the unions, the National Union of Teachers and the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, who between them represent more than half the teachers in England and Wales, had voted in favour of the employers' new pay proposals.

These contain an average pay increase of nearly 4 per cent on the deal signed at Coventry in July and also boost the number of principal teacher posts for special responsibilities from 15 to 20 per cent.

Three other unions, however, including the heads, were rejecting the offer flatly, with the sixth union, the Professional Association of Teachers, reserving judgment.

The disagreements appear to be playing straight into the hands of Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education.

He has threatened to impose his own solution should the teachers and local authorities fail to agree on a package acceptable to him.

Although a combination of the NUT and the AMMA gives the employers a voting majority for their deal in the teachers panel, a settlement opposed by, among others, both heads unions, would clearly lack any credibility.

The General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, Mr David Hart, said: "I'm not pretending there has been no progress and clearly some primary heads would, under the employers' offer, get more money than under the Baker package."

But he said that many head teachers in secondary schools would be worse off. Sir John Wood, Chairman of the ACAS team, was last night holding one to one sessions with the dissenting union leaders in an effort to win them round.

Aids test centres 'unable to cope'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Health experts gave warning yesterday that the Government's new publicity campaign on Aids could result in blood testing centres being unable to cope with a huge increase in demand for tests and advice.

Leaflets will be sent to 23 million homes and there will be television commercials, posters and newspaper advertisements giving Aids advice later this month. But there has been no allocation of extra resources announced by the Government.

However, doctors are already reporting a 300 per cent increase in men and women attending clinics for sexually-transmitted diseases to be tested for signs of Aids infection, after recent publicity.

The British Medical Association has urged the Department of Health to provide extra cash to deal with the much bigger surge that is expected in the next few weeks.

"It would be a tragedy if, having properly alerted the public, the Department does not make sure that there are adequate resources quickly made available to handle the response", a senior spokesman for the BMA said.

"We are anxious about this situation. Although people who fear that they may have the Aids virus can go to their GP for a blood test, in fact most seem to prefer to attend a hospital or STD clinic."

Dr Tom McManus, a consultant in genitourinary medicine at King's College Hospital, who leads counselling at the Alexander STD clinic at St Giles Hospital in South London, said there had been a tripling of heterosexuals seeking the test in the past week.

"We will not be able to cope with the new demand without extra medical and counselling staff", he said. "Recent publicity has clearly prompted many more people out with the high-risk groups to come forward and the Government campaign will mean a greater increase. Some clinics are in danger of being overwhelmed."

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Force for the future: the software and hardware behind hi-tech policing

Portfolio Gold

There was no winner in The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition yesterday so today's prize is doubled to £5,000. ● Portfolio list, page 31; how to play, information service, page 22.

Ruskin sued

Mr David Selbourne issued a writ against Ruskin College claiming £251,000 for loss of potential earnings. Page 2

BSC profit

The British Steel Corporation doubled profits to £68 million in the six months to the end of September but is unlikely to be privatized before 1989. Page 23

Sterling falls

The pound dropped against the dollar and mark, due to dollar weakness and political and economic uncertainties, prompting fears of an increase in base rates. Page 23

Irish draw

Northern Ireland could only manage a 0-0 draw away to Turkey in their European Championship qualifying tie. Page 46

Off the road

Goodyear, the tyre manufacturer, are to pull out of Formula One motor racing in an attempt to resist a takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith. Page 46

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115,000 acres for city development

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

New powers to force local authorities and nationalized industries to dispose of unused land in an effort to promote building development in inner- and outer-city areas are to be announced by the Government tonight. The move could eventually free up to 115,000 acres.

The Government is to include powers in the new local government Bill to plug loopholes which give local councils the means to delay orders of ministers to sell off land.

The 1980 Local Government (Planning and Land) Act gave the Secretary of State for the Environment powers to direct authorities to sell. Until September last year the powers had been used only four times.

Since then Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, has used the powers 140 times as part of the campaign to regenerate the inner cities.

But unco-operative councils are able to delay orders by up to a year by legitimate use of the law as it stands.

Under plans for streamlining and speeding up the procedures, to be announced by Mr Patten to the Royal

Town Planning Institute in Oxford, that timetable will be cut to about two months at most.

At present the Secretary of State orders authorities to sell off parts of their land which the land register shows as unused. The register indicates every site in the country of an acre or more which is lying unused.

Councils are given 42 days to respond. The Secretary of State then issues a direction for authorities to dispose of the land by public auction, but by stating that they have amended their plans, however slightly, the councils can force the whole procedure to be started again from scratch and can continue to make minor amendments thus delaying the procedure endlessly.

Mr Patten is to take powers to force the authorities to dispose of the land quickly without right of appeal and to demand of councils more information about the land they have on the register.

Since the land register was set up about 24,000 acres have been sold, but ministers believe there is huge scope for further development.

Israelis to stay silent on Vanunu

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

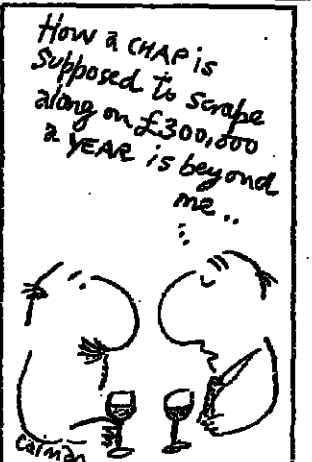
The Israeli Government does not intend to give Britain a detailed explanation of how Mr Mordechai Vanunu was brought to Israel after vanishing from London on September 30, a source in the Prime Minister's office has said.

Mr Vanunu, the nuclear technician who told The Sunday Times that Israel has a nuclear arsenal, is in prison here. The Foreign Office has asked for clarification of how this happened.

The office of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, is preparing a reply which will say in essence that no UK law was broken and no British national was involved in doing anything unlawful, but it remains to be seen whether Britain will be satisfied with such a vague and unsubstantiated answer.

An admission of Mr Vanunu's capture was virtually forced out of the Government by stories of his arrest in the foreign press.

Mr Shamir is said to be furious about what he considers were serious breaches of censorship regulations by foreign correspondents and is considering tough new censorship controls which would include legal punishment for any reporters breaking them.



Kremlin boycotts Molotov's funeral

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Anxious to distance itself from the bitter memory of the Stalin purges, the Kremlin yesterday boycotted the funeral of Vyacheslav Molotov, one of the former dictator's most ruthless associates who, before his death at the age of 96, had served the state both as Foreign and Prime Minister.

The emotional 30-minute ceremony behind the red brick walls of Moscow's exclusive Novodevichy cemetery - out of bounds to all without special permission - was notable chiefly for the lack of speeches and the conspicuous absence of any member of the ruling Politburo.

"It was a completely private affair, curiously low key for a

Dealer bought via US

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Geoffrey Collier, the director who resigned from Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, earlier this week had broken the bank's house rules by buying shares in AE, the engineering company, through an outside broker.

Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroker who sold the shares to Mr Collier, alerted Morgan Grenfell when Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis Group made a bid for AE after the shares were purchased. Morgan Grenfell is acting as adviser to Hollis.

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Men arrived at his dacha to summon him to go to the Kremlin urgently, but did not give him any idea what for, said one. "It was not until he got there that he realized he was going to be re-admitted to the party."

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Queen Mother resting

The Queen Mother spent a comfortable day in hospital resting her injured leg yesterday.

She is expected to stay in the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London, for another day or two.

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NEWS SUMMARY

£251,000 writ

Mr David Selbourne, the lecturer boycotted by his students over an article written in The Times, issued a writ yesterday for breach of contract against Ruskin College, Oxford, claiming £251,000 in loss of potential earnings (Our Legal Correspondent writes).

Mr Selbourne terminated his contract with the college at the start of this term after it refused to give an undertaking that he would be given freedom to publish what articles where and when he wished. He also wanted the college to affirm generally the right of any its staff and students to publish their views as they saw fit.

Mr Selbourne, who was censured for his action by the Ruskin governors after the student union boycott, is also seeking a further amount, to be assessed, for loss of pension contributions plus damages and costs.

The writ says Mr Selbourne was free to "express his political, religious, social and academic views" provided this was done in his own name and not in the name of the college.

Torso appeal

Detectives investigating the discovery of a woman's skinned torso yesterday continued questioning a couple held during raids in three towns. Two men and two women were released, three on police bail.

A biography of Mr Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, and a book on the Stalker affair will not appear in Easons, a company with 18 shops.

The book on Mr Paisley, published this month, has been refused by the company after they sought legal advice.

Irish ban on books

Two controversial books have been barred from the shelves of Ireland's largest booksellers because of fears they could result in legal action for libel (Richard Ford writes.)

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Knowsley Liberals making headway

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

Voters in the Labour stronghold of Knowsley, North go to the polls today amid growing signs that the Liberal/SDP Alliance has made substantial headway in the closing days of the by-election campaign.

Although the Merseyside constituency is Labour's third safest seat in England, the Liberal camp yesterday confidently predicted a photo-finish and last night an independent poll confirmed a swing away from Mr George Howarth, the Labour candidate, to Miss Rosemary Cooper, the Liberal contestant.

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Mr Howarth, supposed as candidate against the wishes of his Militant dominated local party, remains favourite to win the seat but there were signs within the Labour camp yesterday that it could be an uncomfortably close outcome.

It is acknowledged that the Liberals cut into their support last week when Mr Howarth was confined to a hospital bed.

Liberal strategists believe privately their impressive rally has probably come too late to enable them to pull off what would be a sensational by-election victory. One senior party official estimated yesterday they could finish up 2,000 votes short of success.

Their latest canvass figures put Labour ahead on 52 per cent, Liberals on 40 per cent with the Conservatives trailing badly on 6 per cent.

Labour's calculations show that 66 per cent of those voters who have indicated a firm preference will back Labour, 8 per cent the Liberals, 4 per cent the Conservatives and 5 per cent other candidates. They accept most of the 16 per cent undecided voters will probably back the Liberals.

Past by-elections have shown that eve of poll forecasts by the Liberals tend to be much more accurate than Labour's, who overstate their own support.

In spite of the different predictions, both parties agree that a combination of apathy and an out of date electoral register are likely to result in a low turnout of around 50 per cent, compared with nearly 70 per cent at the 1983 general election - that is likely to benefit the Liberals.

The by-election was caused by the resignation of the former Labour MP Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk after a prolonged battle with Militant within his own local party.

General election 1983: R. Kilroy-Silk, (L), 24,949; A. Birch, (C), 7,758; B. McColligan, (SDP/All), 5,715; J. Simons, (WRP), 246.



Peterhead prisoners, with the hostage warden circled, starting their sit-in on the damaged jail roof yesterday

Confrontation avoided over Wright affair

MI5 papers 'handed over'

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

As the British Government agreed yesterday to hand over a number of highly classified documents about MI5 to Australian defence lawyers, Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, flew out to Sydney where he is to be the star witness in the case involving a book by the former senior MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright.

The anxiety which is felt by the Government over the Wright affair was evident yesterday when Sir Robert arrived at Heathrow Airport for his flight.

Faced with a group of photographers waiting outside a VIP lounge, Sir Robert, Britain's most senior Civil Servant, turned on one of them and pushed him against the wall with his briefcase.

The photographer, Mr Dennis Stone, who had asked him to stop for a photograph, said that his camera was damaged as Sir Robert "lashed out" with his briefcase.

Sir Robert later came out from the VIP lounge to apologise and agreed to pose for pictures, commenting to the astonished photographers: "Can we do it properly now?"

Mr Stone remarked: "I asked him to stop for a photograph. The next I knew I was up against the wall. He barged me, then he hit me with his briefcase and broke my camera."

Sir Robert will be appearing as a witness for the Government next Monday in the attempt to stop publication in Australia of the book about MI5 by Mr Wright.

One source said that it was "very important" that the Australian government gave its support because this could have a helpful influence in the court case.

Confrontation with the court was avoided yesterday by the British Government when Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, agreed to hand over certain documents to the defence lawyers in the case. Mr Justice Powell of the New South Wales Supreme Court had set a deadline of yesterday for the documents to be presented.

Whitehall sources said that the documents related to MI5 and Mr Wright's career.

One source said: "In our view we have complied with the judge's order but the defence lawyers have now asked for more documents."

Sir Robert has been briefed thoroughly by the head of MI5 to prepare him for his cross-examination next week, according to sources. However under the procedure laid down for the case, he is not supposed to be questioned about allegations in the book that the late Sir Roger Hollis, the former director-general of MI5 was a KGB spy.

The whole case is intended to focus on the issue of confidentiality.

The Attorney General was asked last night whether he would prosecute Mr Malcolm Muggeridge, the writer and broadcaster, Lord Dacre, the historian, and other senior figures who are alleged to have talked about their work for the security services.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour MP for Worthington, tabled questions to Sir Michael Havers naming a further 18 alleged former security service officers who have spoken about their work in a book about the Anthony Blunt spy scandal, Conspiracy of Silence, which is to be published next week.

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Ridley to resist Green Belt building

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

The Government's strongest warning of its determination to resist large-scale housing and retail developments in the South-east was delivered yesterday by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

It also became clear that such opposition is to be used to counter the North-South divide by encouraging employers and workers to look further afield for commercial and job opportunities.

In a speech which delighted many Conservative MPs and ministers, Mr Ridley said that developers should be aware that there was to be "no let-up" in the Government's firm Green Belt policy. "We are not going to see the Green Belt taken over by shopping malls and leisure complexes," he told the Conservative businessmen's dining club in Westminster.

Although prevented by his quasi-judicial role in determining planning applications from mentioning any specific developments, Mr Ridley's words were taken to mean that recently publicized plans for "shopping parks" and leisure complexes close to the M25 around London would be resisted.

MPs also believe plans for six satellite villages close to London submitted by Consortium Developments, a group of leading construction companies, could be doomed.

The hearing into the application for the first, at Tillingham Hall in Essex, has been completed, and the planning inspector will soon submit his report to Mr Ridley for a decision.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for the Environment, has ordered local authorities to consult the Government before approving any retail developments of more than 250,000 square feet of floor space.

Mr Ridley's warning is of special significance because before his appointment he was one of the Cabinet's leading deregulators and was thought to be one of those ministers least committed to maintaining the Green Belt.



Sir Robert Armstrong and photographer Dennis Stone during their clash at Heathrow Airport yesterday.

Bomb trial man free

Peter O'Loughlin, aged 27, of Londonderry, was cleared on the instructions of a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of involvement in an attempted Irish National Liberation Army bomb attack at Chelsea barracks a year ago.

The ruling, by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones, followed two days of legal argument after which the prosecution offered no evidence.

Patrick McLaughlin, also from Londonderry, is facing a similar charge.

Player to sue

David Bishop, the scrum-half banned for a year by the Welsh Rugby Union, is to take action against it in the High Court.

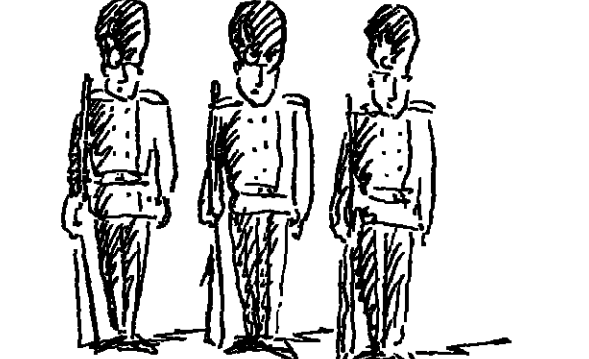
The ban came after Mr Bishop's conviction in Newport Crown Court, Dyfed, for punching another player during a match. His one-month jail sentence was later suspended.



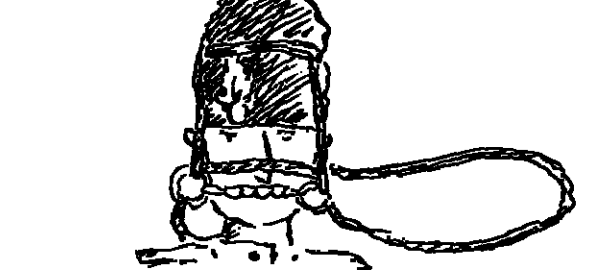
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A. Since the Dark Ages?



B. Three Centuries?



C. A century and a bit?

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The General Synod

Africa committee is set up

The General Synod of the Church of England voted by 360 to 39 with 15 abstentions last night to set up a committee on black African concerns. This reversed a decision by the synod last February.

The task of the committee will be to monitor church issues affecting black Africans and other policy implications for minority ethnic groups within the church and the wider community.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said that to talk of national unity while doing nothing about one of their own most glaring divisions would impoverish their own witness and as they were a multiracial church they must take decisions in a multiracial way.

The church needed what minority ethnic groups could bring to it - enthusiasms, freshness, commitment, creativity, and new ways of decision-making. It also

needed to learn from their experience of being pushed to the margins in the church and in society.

"That is why we want to remove barriers that hinder their effective participation," Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron (Southwark) said black people had been depressed and frustrated by what they deemed to be a serious rebuff earlier this year.

"Not only must the black presence be there and be seen to be there within the decision-making structures of the Church of England but the future shape of the church, especially the enrichment of the lives of her younger members, must reveal this new significant dimension. We cannot simply go on as we are," he said.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, said they must make black people believe that all doors of the Church of England were open.

Canon Gordon Dodson (Norwich) said he did not like the use of the word "black". The Labour Party had set itself against separate black sections and he hoped that if a political party could get it right the church could too.

Canon George Anstin (St Albans) feared that to suggest there was a black point of view which needed a committee was to exhibit prejudice which must be resisted.

The Bishop of Sturtevant, the Right Rev Cecil Hunt, said he feared that without the proposal the church might become a white ghetto and that would be horrifying. An attempt by Mr Christopher Whitney (Hereford) to amend the name of the body to the Committee on Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns was heavily defeated.

Taking three steps nearer Rome

By Angella Johnson

The Church of England moved a step closer to Rome yesterday when the General Synod endorsed agreements on three key ecumenical issues which will pave the way for further dialogue between both churches.

Members of the 565-strong body were asked to make definitive pronouncements on the Church's official response to - the Lima text on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry (BEM); and the final report of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC).

They overwhelmingly accepted the less controversial theological statement of BEM, and after much debate ap-

proved the ARCIC statement on the Eucharist and the ministry.

This is part of a world-wide process in both churches to prepare for official decisions on unity by the Vatican and the Lambeth Conference in 1988.

A third doctrinal statement, and the authority of the Pope looks set for a rough ride when it is debated in the Synod today. It has already been criticized by the House of Laity, because its members believe they will have little say in a church united under a Catholic Pope.

Yesterday's vote, though in favour of the two ARCIC statements, following a division of the Synod's three

Houses (Clergy, Bishops and Laity), also registered a strong protest vote of just under a third in the House of Laity.

Professor David McClean, chairman of the House of Laity, supported the ARCIC resolutions but felt he had to voice the opposing view of the Laity.

He called for more "clarity" and less "diversity" before the ARCIC report could be accepted. In particular he wanted further discussions into the matter of Papal authority.

Relieving someone of the fear and pain of cancer is beyond value. But it still has its price.

Dear Sir
Not long ago my wife discovered she had cancer. Naturally, she didn't want to go into hospital, and I was only too willing to care for her at home.
But there was no way I could cope without practical nursing advice and at times, emotional support. That help came in the form of one of your Macmillan nurses.
She was more like a close friend than a nurse and her regular visits and ability to cope, helped my wife and I to enjoy our remaining time together.
She brought warmth and strength into a home that could have been filled purely with grief.

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Anxiety about life in North

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C), who moved the Loyal Address, said that there was now, in this Queen's Speech, a proper balance of monetary and fiscal and economic policy.

"Despite all our hopes for less legislation it looks as though we could be kept busy for some months", he continued amid laughter. "Just how many months all but one of us will have to guess."

A good case could be made for the fact that the quality of life in the North was in many ways better than that in the South, but there were many anxieties that arose in the North at present from two main sources.

One was the feeling of remoteness from Whitehall, intensified by the centralization process of recent years, which had tended to erode local responsibility. The other was the deep-seated, long-term unemployment, and he welcomed the measures that the Government had taken and proposed to take to deal with this problem.

He applauded the steadily increasing capital investment programme in infrastructure, housing, roads and the general environment, helped as that was by the higher revenues generated by lower rates of taxation. All North and South alike benefited from the lowest level of inflation for two decades.

Mr Steven Norris (Oxford East, C), seconding, said that there must be few Conservative MPs without personal experience in recent years of the capricious effect of grant cuttings on their own authorities.

They would recognize that both logic and equity dictated that it should be the spending or saving policies of councils that should be the primary mechanism by which rates should go up or down.

He doubted if any measure would commend itself more wholeheartedly to MPs than the notice in the Queen's Speech of the intention to repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act.

What must be transparently obvious to any objective observer was that the present Burnham Committee arrangements were profoundly unsatisfactory.

Pressure of work to be eased

Three moves to ease the pressure of work in the House of Lords were announced by Viscount Whitelaw, Leader of the House, after the Queen's Speech had been repeated in the Lords.

Recalling the wish he had expressed on previous occasions to achieve a more even distribution of Bills between the Houses, he told peers that between now and the Christmas recess he expected no fewer than six major Bills to have been introduced and even a second reading in the Lords.

Two of them, the Family Law Bill and the Marine Pilots Bill, would be introduced tomorrow.

To relieve the pressure, suggestions had been made to him that one or more Bills should be referred to a standing committee. He had decided that one Bill should be taken through the procedure this session.

He would continue consulting soon to decide on a suitable Bill. Representations had been made to him that the conventions on the way business was conducted should be reviewed and he had decided to appoint a small informal group to advise him on the working of the House.

"The Government are taking a number of steps to seek a better balance between the two Houses of our work", he said. "There have been times when some of us have felt that the House was not always exercising that restraint and self-discipline which is so essential for our House to be able to function at all."

Earlier, he said that the Government's initial distribution of Bills between the two Houses had been to some extent affected by the loss of the Shops Bill. Some Bills, but by no means all, had called for much revision. Others had given rise to much debate even though amendments might have been slight.

Painful though it may sometimes have been, there can be no doubt that some of the session's major legislation, such as the Building Societies Bill, the Financial Services Bill and the Public Order Bill benefited considerably from the attention of this House.

He liked to think the Government had been responsive to the views expressed in the Lords and had sought to accommodate them where practicable.

Timetable for Speech debate

The debate on the Queen's Speech in the House of Commons continues tomorrow when the main subjects will be education and family poverty; on Friday when the subject will be foreign affairs and next week as follows: Monday, local government and Scotland; Tuesday, industry and employment; Wednesday, the economy.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech.

Lords (3): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech.



The Government and Opposition front benches awaiting the summons to the Lords yesterday. Left (from bottom) are: Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Lawson, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Nicholas Edwards and Mr Hurd, partly obscuring Mr Norman Tebbit. Right (from bottom): Mr Peter Shore, Mr Kaufman (leaning forward), Mr Kinnoch, Mr Roy Hattersley, Mr Stanley Orme, and Mr Cunningham.

Kinnoch attacks poverty scandal

Every independent measure of public opinion was against the injustice of poverty, Mr Neil Kinnoch, Leader of the Opposition, said when he opened the debate on the Queen's Speech in the House of Commons.

A country with so many sorely and helplessly poor was a country lacking basic justice, a country not at peace with itself, he said.

When the Prime Minister had the courage to call an election, she would be soundly beaten.

Lawson's Budget forecast was ridiculously wrong

Mr Kinnoch opened by saying that the Opposition would give all support to action to combat international terrorism and drug trafficking, and hoped that the vigorous effort spoken of would include the restoration of the 900 customs officers the Government had taken away.

They would endorse measures to improve the safety of sports grounds, conservation and the implementation of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

They greeted some measures with great hostility, however, among them the proposal to abolish domestic rates in Scotland and replace them with a poll tax.

They would resist the attempt to repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act, 1965. That would not have the effect of beneficial reform but would inflict maximum damage.

To prevent that, I ask the Secretary of State for Education (Mr Kenneth Baker) to withdraw his threat to dictate a settlement, to end his attempt to set teacher against teacher.

Mr Baker was strongly protesting that he had at heart the welfare of the 95 per cent of children who attended maintained schools. He could manifest that clearly by changing course and changing his mind on the repeal of the 1965 Act.

Proposals like that, and much else in the Queen's Speech, bore little relevance to the real needs of the nation. That was obvious from references to economic policy, as in the autumn statement from the Chancellor last week.

If the Chancellor could hit his target for economic growth of no less than 3 per cent, and hardly anybody else had offered the prospect of 3 per cent growth next year.

If there was no rise in unemployment, despite the fact that absolutely nothing had been done in the autumn statement or the Royal Address to stop the year-on-year loss in jobs.

If all that happened, there would still be a monster manufacturing trade deficit, which

contributed to the balance of payments deficit. That would be all right if only the currency movers ignored that deficit and kept the pound nice and steady.

It simply did not come together.

For the sake of the jobs, businesses and homes which depended upon the correctness of the assumptions, one wished the Chancellor was right. But he had got his forecast at the time of the Budget in March ridiculously wrong.

The most worrying and revealing detail of that autumn statement was the Chancellor's confession that his March forecast of a £3 billion manufacturing trade deficit was wrong.

That deficit for this year was actually going up by nearly twice that amount - £5.5 billion more bought from the rest of the world than sold. It would be the worst ever and would rise to a crushing £7.5 billion in the next year.

All of that had contributed to the position in which there were nearly four million in the country who wanted to work and who were without work.

At the Mansion House a month ago, the Chancellor had been berating industry and the financial markets from suffering from "short-termism".

It had been a point well made. It had been made very late but rightly made.

How could the Government expect the private sector to take the long-term view knowing that the Government was so very committed to the expediency of the short term in absolutely everything?

There must be a long-term industrial policy for the recovery of manufacturing industry with extra investment on the same basis and with the same institutional support as that of the main competitor economies.

"For unless we follow that long-term course for strengthening our industrial base, we shall

Growth in poverty unparalleled since the war

continue to decline as a productive nation and the legacy we hand to our children will be one of increasing failure and poverty.

Since 1979, there had been a growth of poverty through unemployment, low pay and disability unparalleled since the war. In 1979 there were six million people at or below the supplementary benefit level of income. The figure now, in 1986, was nine million.

"In the families of those who are poor, there are no less than two million children who simply do not enjoy the freedom or make the visits or wear the clothes that other children en-

joy, who face again a jumble sale Christmas."

When the Prime Minister said that freedom and wellbeing of the family was her starting point, one had to agree that that was a decent priority. But it was necessary to ask whether the wellbeing and freedom of those who endure such prolonged poverty was real freedom.

Where was their choice when they could make no meaningful choice about clothes, about paying heating bills, or even about the food they ate? Where was their wellbeing and their freedom in the calculations of the Prime Minister?

Or had they been locked out? Were they suddenly less than citizens, because they did not have the power of ownership, whose rights of ownership the Prime Minister so frequently quoted?

Surely MPs on all sides must take a different view of government policies that continued to depress living standards and

Two million children face a jumble sale Christmas

imposed means tests on those who had virtually nothing.

"In this country, because it is Britain, I believe there is a consensus. It is a consensus against poverty, a consensus against unemployment and a consensus for meeting the bills of common need."

Every independent measure of public opinion was against the injustice of poverty. A country with so many sorely and helplessly poor was a country lacking basic justice, a country not at peace with itself.

These people knew that after seven years this Government would not follow any systematic programme for full production; it did not believe in distribution with justice.

"That is why, whenever the Prime Minister gathers the courage to face this country she will be forced to account and soundly beaten", he concluded to prolonged Opposition cheers.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said that in his rambling speech Mr Kinnoch had been critical of the United Kingdom manufacturing performance. In fact manufacturing output had risen 10 per cent overall since the 1983 election and it was going up and up.

Manufacturing investment had risen 9.5 per cent last year. Manufacturing productivity had increased each year since 1979 at an average rate of 3.5 per cent a year, manufacturing export volume was at a record level; manufacturing profitability was at its highest level since 1978.

The Leader of the Opposition

had also referred to assets from North Sea oil investment. He did not seem to appreciate that overseas assets had gone up from £12,000 million in 1979 to £20,000 million now.

The Government would be introducing a wide range of measures, building upon successes already achieved, to encourage wider ownership, improve education of children and young people, to care for those who needed help, to conserve and improve the environment and to protect people from crime and the fear of crime.

In spite of a sharp fall in the price of oil, they were entering the new parliamentary year with good prospects for growth, exports and investment and low inflation and a more promising outlook for unemployment.

Next year's 3 per cent growth would be the sixth year of growth at close to that average level. Since 1981 Britain's economy had grown faster than that of France and Italy and a little faster than West Germany's.

The Opposition could not stand the ever-wider spread of poverty. The objectives were to expand the powers of the State and increase government control over people's lives.

They wanted to put penal taxes back on to the shoulders of those who led the way to growth and jobs and they wanted to put the newly privatized industries back into the hands of politicians.

For the past two years the teachers' unions had campaigned for higher pay, some, at least, using the disruption of children's education as a weapon.

The Secretaries of State for Education and for Scotland had set out with the teachers' unions and management a package offering a clear definition of teachers' duties and responsibilities and substantially higher pay, with greater rewards for better teachers and head teachers.

The pay proposal was fair and reasonable, indeed generous. The duties and responsibilities were those which any conscientious teacher could reasonably be expected to fulfil. She hoped that employers and teachers would take this opportunity to discuss the package on a much firmer footing.

The centrepiece of the legislative programme in the Queen's Speech was the Criminal Justice Bill.

In the battle against crime the Government must provide the necessary level of resources and ask Parliament to give police and courts the powers they needed.

This Bill would build on the foundations of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act and strengthen the jury system by abolishing preemptory challenges, a facility open to misuse

and against the interests of justice.

By allowing children who had been victims or witnesses of sexual or violent attack to give evidence to the court by video television link it would make it more likely that the perpetrators of these horrifying crimes were brought to justice.

She had been appalled by the terrible cases of child abuse. Crimes against children fell to depths of evil that placed them in a category of their own.

The significance of Reykjavik was that, after many years of talking about arms control, there was now a prospect of concrete multilateral agreements provided that the Soviet Union did not make agreement on all arms control measures dependent on others accepting the restraints it wanted on SDI.

The next step was to negotiate a policy of unilateral disarmament which took account of the West's vital concerns, with balance and effective verification.

Reminding Mr Healey that he had in 1981 said that if Labour adopted a policy of unilateral disarmament he would fight to change that policy before a general election and, if he failed, would not accept office in a Labour Government. Was that still his position or had he joined the unilateral bandwagon which had swept to control of the Labour Party with Mr Kinnoch holding the reins?

The Government had a duty to keep Britain's defences strong, a duty to the Nato allies, a duty to keep faith with the Armed Forces.

Overseas assets have risen to £80 billion

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, opened: "If any one doubts that we were heading towards a general election, the Queen's Speech to which we have just listened should certainly dispel those doubts."

After visiting the North-west in the by-election campaign, his reaction to the Queen's Speech and to Mrs Thatcher's rhetoric was the sheer monumental irrelevance of both to the everyday problems which people were facing.

There was some valuable legislation and the Liberals would support the Criminal Justice Bill.

The general message from the Prime Minister and the Government's programme was that they intended to continue to ignore the impact they had had on the lengthening queue, on the increasing disparity between North and South, the crumbling infrastructure and the decaying housing stock.

Because the Queen's Speech had not addressed itself to those problems,

Domestic rates axed in Scotland

By Martha Fletcher Political Reporter

A trailblazing Bill to abolish domestic rates in Scotland and replace them with the highly-controversial poll tax figured prominently, and attracted particular scorn from the Opposition.

Rates reform is now high on the political agenda, and ministers envisage similar legislation covering England and Wales being introduced in the first session of the next Parliament.

The Abolition of Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill, to be published at the end of this month, will phase out domestic rates over three years from 1989-90, replacing them with a "community charge" or poll tax payable by all voters and an index-linked commercial rate.

It will also seek to simplify the rate support grant system for Scottish local authorities by replacing it with a two-pronged revenue support grant. This would consist of a standard grant based on the number of adult residents, and a needs grant supplementing authorities that have to spend more.

The Government believes such a system would considerably increase local authority accountability and iron out blatant injustices in the present complex system of rates.

It would give all electors a stake in their council's finances rather than just 50 per cent who pay rates now, protect businesses who at present pay a disproportionate amount even though they have no vote, and provide a direct and obvious link between what one pays and what one gets.

However, Mr Neil Kinnoch, the Labour leader, greeted the announcement with "great hostility", saying the poll tax would hit "the very poorest in the community".

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, described it as "the worst of the 19 bills in the Queen's Speech and promised that it would be "vigorously opposed".

Mr Donald Stewart, MP, president of the SNP, said the Bill would be "foisted on the people of Scotland by the

Battle due over plans to scrap Burnham

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

The Government's plans to repeal the 1965 Remuneration of Teachers Act and scrap the Burnham committee after 67 years could prove among the most contentious acts of the new parliamentary session.

While the Labour Party believes Burnham should be reformed to give it power to negotiate on pay, duties and conditions of service, it is deeply suspicious of the proposal by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, to replace it with an interim advisory committee.

It has promised to fight any move by Mr Baker to give himself direct control in these areas.

But the Opposition's greatest anger is likely to be directed at any attempt to use the new legislation repealing Burnham as a way to impose a settlement.

Mr Neil Kinnoch, the Labour leader, said yesterday that the Government's moves would not lead to beneficial reform, but would inflict maximum damage.

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, believes it is legislatively impossible for the Government to impose new working contracts on teachers.

But sources close to the Department of Education and Science insist that a settlement can be imposed if the present talks break down. Mr Baker would simply have to introduce legislation requiring local education authorities to implement the kind of contracts he has outlined and pay the commensurate rates.

Heralding yesterday's announcement in the Queen's Speech, Mr Baker said last month that it was "widely accepted" that Burnham should be replaced.

According to figures released to The Times, during the past 12 years, Burnham has led to a negotiated settlement on only four occasions. Special inquiries such as Houghton in 1974 and Clegg in 1980 or arbitration have tended to dominate resolution of schools pay disputes.

New consumer laws on sale prices

The Consumer Protection Bill will introduce a general safety requirement making suppliers and importers responsible for ensuring that all the goods they sell are safe, and will make it an offence to give misleading price indications.

Both steps were enthusiastically welcomed by consumer organizations yesterday. Proposals for a general safety requirement to protect consumers from unsafe goods, even when there are no specific safety regulations, were published in a White Paper in 1984, and have been an aim of the Consumers' Association's campaign for many years.

The general outlawing of misleading price comparisons finally replaces the unenforceable and complicated regulations which allowed retailers to disclaim the accuracy of reductions they were purporting to offer, or to make comparisons with prices which were in fact never charged.

It has been an aim of Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, for almost a decade.

On the Bill's third main theme the consumer lobby still finds some grounds for

dissatisfaction. A new product liability law will make producers liable for damage caused by defects in their products. Consumers will have a new right to claim compensation if they are harmed by defective goods, without having to prove negligence.

That will bring British legislation into line with the European Community product liability directive, and comes after 10 years of debate within the Community.

But the Consumers' Association is dissatisfied because, under the Government's proposals, manufacturers will be able to escape liability on the grounds that the state of knowledge at the time of manufacture of a product did not enable the existence of a defect to be discovered.

Manufacturers say that this "development risk" defence is essential if new products are to be introduced, but Mrs Rosemary McRobert, deputy director of the Consumers' Association, said yesterday: "The cost of insuring against a defective product, which ultimately would be paid by all purchasers, is better than leaving individual victims to carry the burden of uncompensated suffering."

Defence will be a vital election issue

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Although there was only brief reference to defence, it remains set to be a central issue of any election campaign.

The Government is still firmly committed to maintaining Britain's independent nuclear forces and the replacement of the ageing Polaris missile system by Trident.

It is a message that Mrs Thatcher will be reinforcing to President Reagan as they review prospects for arms control post-Reykjavik at their weekend meeting at Camp David.

There has been some concern among government ministers at the possible adverse effect on public opinion of continual speculation about a so-called zero-zero option on ballistic missiles in talks between the United States and the Soviet Union and the view in Whitehall is that the Trident programme should proceed as planned.

In the speech, the Queen said that the Government would continue to attach the

highest importance to national security and to preserving peace with freedom and justice and to maintaining Britain's own defences as well as playing an active part in Nato.

The Ministry of Defence is pursuing an efficiency programme to ensure the best possible value for money returns on spending and claims to have made significant improvements.

Efforts have concentrated on four main areas; the management and organization of the Ministry of Defence, control of defence manpower in procurement and on the supply of goods, services and support to the Armed Forces.

During the speech, the Queen also said that the Government will work for new agreements on arms control and disarmament.

The Camp David meeting will allow Mrs Thatcher to express her reservations about the effects on European security if arms reductions go too far.

The Queen outlines year's programme

The Queen, in her speech opening Parliament today, said: "My Lords and members of the House of Commons,

I look forward with much pleasure to receiving His Majesty King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and His Majesty King Hassan of Morocco on State visits during the next twelve months.

I also look forward to visiting Berlin in May during that city's 750th anniversary year and to being present on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Canada.

My Government will continue to attach the highest importance to national security and to preserving peace with freedom and justice. They will maintain the United Kingdom's own defences and play an active part in the Atlantic alliance.

My Government will work for new agreements on arms control and disarmament. They will seek greater co-operation and trust between East and West and work for progress at the Vienna Review Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

My Government will hold the presidency of the Council of Ministers of the European Community until the end of this year. Within the Community they will work to promote enterprise and employment; to remove barriers to internal trade; for improvements in world trade relations; and for continuing reform

of the common agricultural policy.

My Government will honour their commitments to the people of the Falkland Islands while continuing to seek more normal relations with Argentina. They will discharge their obligations to the people of Hong Kong and will work closely with the Chinese Government to carry out the Sino-British Joint Declaration. They will stand by their commitment to the people of Gibraltar.

My Government will continue to work for peaceful and fundamental change in South Africa, in consultation with their partners in the European Community and with the Commonwealth. They will support Namibian independence.

They will look for solutions to the problems of the Middle East. They will support attempts to achieve settlements in Afghanistan, in Cambodia, in Cyprus and in Central America.

My Government will make vigorous efforts to combat international terrorism and trafficking in drugs.

My Government will play a constructive role in the Commonwealth and at the United Nations. They will maintain a substantial aid programme, play their part in the relief of famine and other natural disasters and encourage investment in the developing countries.

Members of the House of Commons, Estimates for the public service will be laid before you.

My Lords and members of the House of Commons, My Government's firm monetary and fiscal policies will continue to restrain inflation and foster the conditions necessary for further sustained economic growth. Within that framework, My Government will continue to promote enterprise, the growth of employment and the education and training of young people.

My Government will maintain firm control of public expenditure, so that it may continue to fall as a proportion of the nation's income and permit further reductions in the burden of taxation. Consistently with this, my Government will continue to seek better value for money in public spending, so that vital services may be further improved.

Action will be taken to further privatization, both to improve economic efficiency and to encourage wider share ownership.

Legislation will be introduced to improve the system for the supervision of banks.

A Bill will be brought forward to improve the working of criminal justice, to implement certain recommendations made by the Committee on Fraud Trials and

to make further provision for the confiscation of the proceeds of crime.

Measures will be proposed to promote further competition in order to secure greater efficiency in the provision of local authorities' services, and to improve the basis for the payment of rate-support grant in England and Wales.

Legislation will be brought before you to repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act, 1965, and to introduce new arrangements to settle school-teachers' pay, duties and conditions of service within the resources available.

A Bill will be introduced to extend the rights of people living in privately owned flats in England and Wales.

A Bill will be introduced to facilitate the conservation and management of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads.

Legislation will be introduced to provide further financial assistance to support the coal industry's progress to commercial viability and to enable fair representation of the workforce. Measures will be proposed to bring up to date the arrangements regulating oil and gas installations and operations. Measures will be brought forward further to reform family law in England and Wales. A Bill will be introduced to modify the system for the control of fire risks and to make

further provision for safety at sports grounds.

For Scotland, Bills will be introduced to abolish domestic rates, to reform the enforcement of debt due under court orders, and to make various improvements to criminal justice.

My Government will continue through the Anglo-Irish Agreement to co-operate with the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

They will encourage elected representatives in Northern Ireland to search for an agreed basis for the return to a devolved administration. They will continue to encourage economic and industrial development. A Bill will be introduced to amend Northern Ireland legislation against terrorism.

Measures will be proposed to reform the administration of marine fisheries.

Legislation will again be brought before you to enable construction of a Channel tunnel. A Bill will be introduced to authorize the construction of a third crossing of the Thames at Dartford. Measures will be proposed to strengthen the law on consumer protection. Other measures will be laid before you. My Lords and members of the House of Commons, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

Children will give evidence by video in trial changes

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Evidence by live video link, new action against fraud and powers for the Attorney General on lenient sentences are among measures intended for the Criminal Justice Bill, mentioned in the Queen's Speech at the State opening of Parliament.

The evidence by video recording would be either from abroad or in cases where the victim was a child and the offence was one of sexual or violent assault.

It would be made admissible in court in the same way as ordinary oral evidence.

Rules governing the admissibility of documentary evidence would be relaxed and would apply to criminal trials generally rather than simply to cases of fraud.

But the Government's aim is also to combat fraud and safeguard the probity of financial institutions. The proposed legislation would set up a serious fraud office to investigate and prosecute the most serious and complex cases.

Reforms would be provided to the rules of evidence and to fraud trial procedures.

The Bill would cover lenient sentences. It would empower the Attorney General to refer, for the opinion of the Court of Appeal, crown court sentences which appeared to raise policy questions of general significance.

This measure would reinforce the Court of Appeal's role in guiding lower courts' practice. But the sentence imposed on a particular offender would not be affected by the Court of Appeal's opinion.

As expected, the maximum penalties for carrying firearms in furtherance of crime and for corruption would be increased.

A number of minor offences would also be reclassified as triable only by magistrates.

The new Bill will extend the

power to order confiscation of the proceeds of offences.

Victims would benefit from an extension of the courts' powers to make compensation orders in certain cases. Courts would be required to give reasons for not making an order in all cases where there was an identifiable victim.

The Bill would provide a statutory right to compensation for criminal injury.

The right of the defence to challenge juries without cause would be abolished.

The upper age limit for jurors would be raised from 65 to 70. But those in that age group would be excused as of right if they wished. The measure would add about 2.25 million people to the pool of potential jurors.

Provisions relating to young offenders would include the more flexible use of detention centres.

The law on extradition would be amended enabling the United Kingdom to sign the European Convention on Extradition and facilitating the return of those wanted in the UK.

The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill seeks to further powers to combat the growing problem of drug trafficking. Another Scottish Bill, the Debtors (Scotland) Bill, seeks to provide a more humane system of debt enforcement.

It would remove the most resented aspects of warrant sales by stopping compulsory sales in debtors' homes, extending the range of goods exempt from sale and banning the identification of the debtor.

The Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill would seek to help the authorities in dealing with terrorism while also enhancing the statutory rights of those suspected or accused of terrorist activity.

Drugs and terrorism fight to be intensified

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

A special customs intelligence computer, more vessels for off-shore patrols and extra investigators are to be introduced as part of the Government's continued fight against international drug trafficking and terrorism.

No fresh legislation is planned in either field, but the international effort to bring greater co-operation will continue.

By the end of the year the Home Office hopes that all the machinery for the operation of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act will be in place. The act will allow for the tracing and freezing of assets belonging to suspected traffickers.

At home the number of customs investigators will increase by 110 and another 350 officers will work at checkpoints at air and sea ports.

During the next three years £7 million will be spent on an intelligence computer for customs' records, which are generally regarded as one of the best sources of information on drug trafficking. Another £7 million will be spent on buying three new cutters to replace ageing vessels.



Sir Geraint Evans on stage as he opens the restored opera house at Newcastle upon Tyne

Opera rises from the ashes

Sir Geraint Evans yesterday opened the Tyne Theatre and Opera House nearly a year after a disastrous fire.

The building was badly damaged last Christmas Day by a fire, believed to have been caused by an electrical fault.

But the theatre, built in 1867 and supported by sturdy Victorian beams, survived and 100 volunteers began clearing the site the next day with the help of a £100,000 grant from the Sun Alliance insurance company.

After 11 months of repairs, costing £1.5 million, the 1,200-seat theatre has been restored in authentic Victorian style.

Sir Geraint knocked three times on the stage for luck and praised the 400 volunteers who made it possible.

What makes the theatre unique is the wooden Victorian machinery which, when repairs are completed in six months, will operate a total of 22 trap doors covering the entire area of the stage.

"There is nothing like it in the world," Roy Hudd said. He said that the machinery, protected from the fire by a layer of rubbish, will be capable of "popping" an entire opera chorus up through the stage.

Seats, carpets, curtains, and equipment in the auditorium and bars have been copied in a blue and grey colour scheme from charred originals. Details, such as the name of Shakespeare written on the dome of the hall and lost in later redecorations, have been restored.

Parents should be given more choice over education

By Trudi McIntosh

Most local education authorities rarely consult parents on their choice of education for their children, a national group campaigning for parental rights in education, said yesterday in London.

Mr Norris McWhirter, vice-chairman of the Parental Alliance For Choice in Education (PACE) said that because of this "the comprehensive school system has become a monolithic structure offering little choice of education for more than 80 per cent of parents".

With the closure of many grammar schools and increasing fees for private schools, most parents had no alternative but to opt for State-run schools.

PACE, whose council members include Baroness Cox, who is chairwoman, and Lord Harris of High Cross, is campaigning to have the two human rights relating to education contained in the European Convention on Human Rights, incorporated into British law as a Bill of Rights.

The European Convention on Human Rights states that the State should respect the right of all parents to have a choice of education and training according to their own religious and philosophical convictions.

Mr McWhirter said although Britain had been a signatory of the Convention since 1952, governments had since failed to offer most parents enough freedom of choice in education.

He said PACE will soon ask all local education authorities to carry out surveys into the choice of education parents want for their children, in every county and borough.

"Parental choice in education is a basic human right and one that should be at the top of every education authority's agenda," Mr McWhirter said.

A landmark decision by the local government ombudsman has ruled that London Boroughs cannot justify refusing a school place to a child outside their catchment area simply on the grounds of pupil numbers.

Children from neighbouring boroughs can appeal for a school place, and that appeal must be heard on its own merits, the ombudsman ruled.

The ruling came in a case brought against the Conservative-controlled London Borough of Croydon by a mother who lives in neighbouring Sutton. She had wanted her daughter to attend the same Croydon school as her sister but the council's appeals committee had ruled against her.

Oil firms must clean up seabed

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The new legislation which the Department of Energy is to introduce is designed to make sure that the seabed of the North Sea is left as safe and clean as possible once oil and gas fields reach the end of their economic life.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, has had long discussions with the UK Offshore Operators Association, representing the oil and gas industry, and the fishing industry.

The legislation will give him power to specify the extent to which any installation or pipeline must be removed.

It will also allow him to require companies to provide detailed costing for abandonment work and to demand evidence that companies involved will have the funds available to meet the cost.

The Government will be able to set safety standards, make detailed anti-pollution arrangements and order inspection checks to see that the work is carried out properly.

The changes also include updating arrangements for collecting and assessing the royalty payments from oil and gas fields. There is provision for the Government to repay royalties to companies who incur higher than expected costs on abandonment.

In addition all offshore installations will now have a 500-metre safety zone around them.

Pledge to rebel pit union met

By Tim Jones

The Government yesterday fulfilled a promise to the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers, whose members helped it to break the coal dispute because they would not go on strike without a ballot.

The Coal Industry Bill will give "all employee organizations within the industry the chance to achieve fair participation in the management of various trusts, welfare organizations and superannuation schemes".

Since the dispute ended, Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, has refused to negotiate with British Coal on fair representation for the UDM.

In spite of the proposed legislation to achieve fair participation, the Bill will go only some way towards addressing UDM grievances.

Leaders of the Nottinghamshire-based union are bitter that British Coal refuses to allow them to negotiate in areas where their members are in a minority.

In addition, the Bill aims to give Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, powers to continue grant aid to the coal industry.

British Coal aims to achieve full-year financial break-even in 1988-89, and to reach full liability in 1989-90. The provision of the Bill extends the power to pay deficit grant to cover the financial years 1987-88 and, as a contingency measure, 1988-89.

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Radio and TV moves put off

The passing mention of broadcasting appeared to confirm that the Government has decided to put off legislation until after an election (Our Media Correspondent writes).

The Government is still studying the Peacock report on broadcasting finance and will publish a Green Paper on the structure and future of radio.

But no mention was made of the comprehensive broadcasting reform Bills ministers hope to introduce to phase-out the television licence and introduce community radio stations.

The Home Office is known to favour Peacock's recommendation for a phase-out of the licence.

The Government and the Manpower Services Commission are pleased to announce the names of those organisations who have received a Fit For Work Award in 1986.

An Award is given to those who have done most for disabled workers in the relevant twelve months by implementing constructive employment policies.

Assessment is on an evaluation of the organisation's record and performance in accordance with the seven guidelines listed opposite. Employers with constructive employment policies and practices for disabled people are invited to enter next year's Fit For Work Scheme.

Details can be obtained from the Manager, Central Awards Unit, Manpower Services Commission, Room W1030, Moorfoot, Sheffield, S1 4PQ. (Tel: Sheffield (0742) 704511) or from your local Jobcentre.



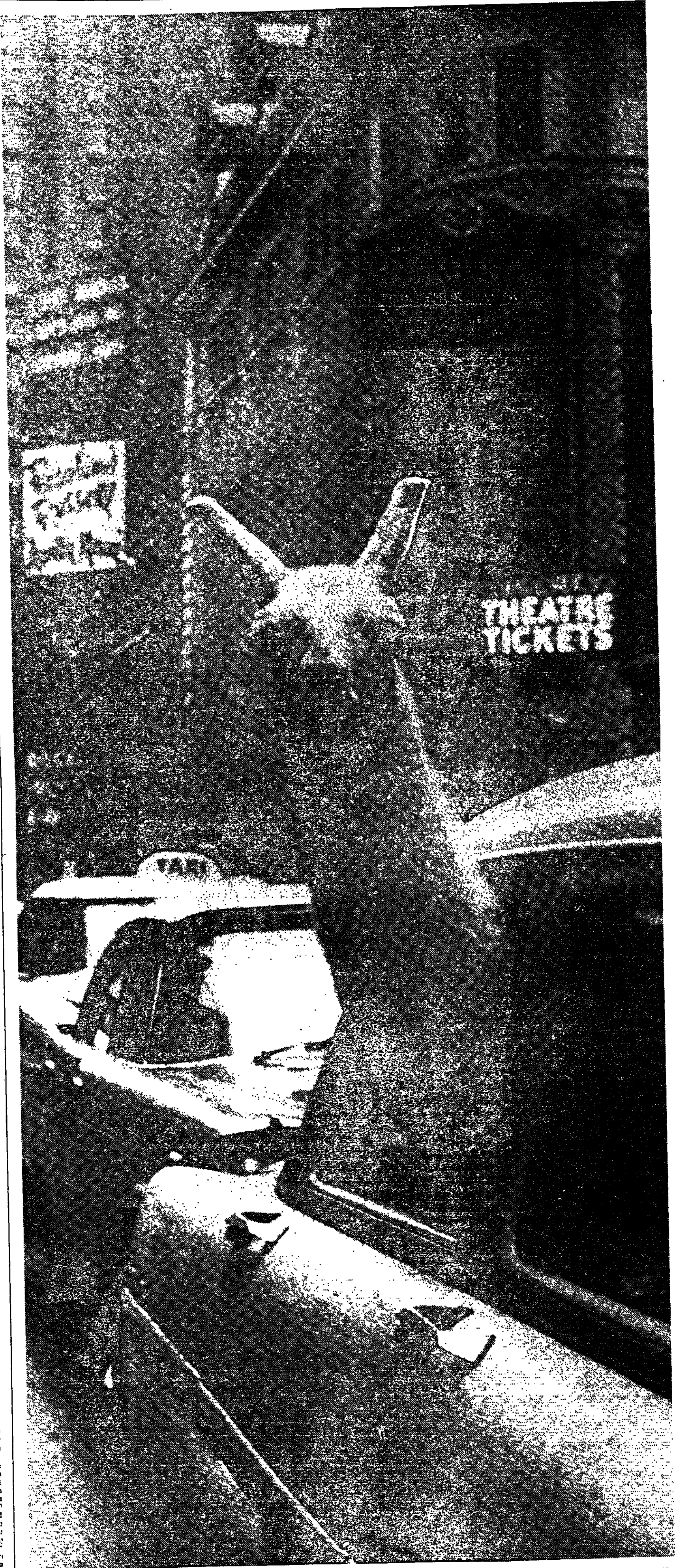
Guidelines * A sound and effective policy on the employment of disabled people. * Retention in suitable employment of employees who become disabled. * Full and fair consideration for all disabled people, who apply for employment. * Smooth integration into work of disabled people, including provision of special aids or adaptation to the work environment. * Full development of the skills and potential of disabled employees, and training and promotion opportunities. * Involvement of trade union, employees' representative and or employees in developing policies towards disabled workers. * Close co-operation with local jobcentre services and Disablement Advisory Service. In addition, account will be taken of: provision of employment opportunities to disabled young people; use of provision of sheltered employment or employment rehabilitation facilities; other activities to promote the employment of disabled people.

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Coach driver accused of causing motorway crash which killed 13

A coach driver was yesterday accused of causing one of Britain's worst motorway pile-ups in which 13 people died.

Preston Crown Court was told that John Bonnyman, aged 63, could not explain why his vehicle ploughed into a line of traffic at speed, and told police: "I could not get it to stop, that was all".

Four children were among those who died and another 42 were injured in the M6 disaster near Preston in October last year.

Photographs of the accident, one with the bus still in flames, were shown to the jury.

Mr Bonnyman, of Millar Place, Edinburgh, denies four specimen counts of causing death by reckless driving.

Mentioned in the charges are Mr Christopher Ryder, aged 39, of Church Street, Stockport; Mr John Fiddick, aged 61, of Cherry Tree Lane, Balerno, Midlothian; Mr



Mr John Bonnyman: Could give no explanation.

Colin Jobson, aged 29, of Rosehill Road, Wallsend, Tyne-and-Wear, and Mr Wilfred Oxley, aged 29, of Tranwell Close, Peggwood, Morpeth.

Mr William Waldron, QC, for the prosecution, told how the coach, carrying 42 passengers from Edinburgh to London, was in the centre lane in a steady flow of traffic.

Roadworks were in progress ahead, and as a result the narrow and centre lanes were closed off.

There was a gradual build-up of vehicles although there was good visibility for more than half a mile.

He said: "As he approached this tailback in the centre lane he continued without any appreciable slackening of speed. As if completely unaware of the stationary or slow-moving vehicles ahead, he drove his coach with great violence, travelling at a speed of around 60 mph."

A Fiesta car in front was knocked out of its path and burst into flames. Two people inside survived the impact but were burnt to death when it caught fire.

The coach carried on striking other vehicles before veering upwards and coming down on top of two cars which were trapped beneath it.

More vehicles were hit before the single-deck coach came to rest pointing towards the hard shoulder. But three passengers died when it caught fire, trapping them inside.

Mr Waldron said: "It has to be said that this accident and the death and devastation it brought about was caused by the reckless driving of the defendant."

He said that about 15 vehicles were involved in the

crash and 11 of them were completely destroyed.

The jury was told that Mr Bonnyman would probably have died as well but for the heroism of a passing lorry driver, who pulled him unconscious from the blazing coach.

When questioned at the Royal Preston Hospital 10 days after the crash, Mr Bonnyman could throw very little light on the accident, and could not recollect noticing any congestion, vehicles slowing down, or hazard lights.

"I saw something wrong in my nearside mirror and about three cars alongside me on my nearside. I was braking then. It was all so confusing. I couldn't get it to stop, that's all," Mr Bonnyman, an experienced driver who was severely burnt, said.

Asked for an explanation, he told police: "I'm sorry I can't give you an explanation."

Mr Waldron told the court: "There is no reason why anyone who was looking and paying attention could not have seen what was happening ahead and could not have stopped, not once but several times over."

"But unlike any other road user going south on that road at the time, the defendant appeared to have been completely oblivious of the traffic ahead. It is as if he was unaware there was anything whatsoever on the road."

"It will be natural for the defendant's position to arouse sympathy. But he drove at full speed into the back of stationary or near-stationary traffic without being aware of it until he was on top of them," he added.

The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Survival dive in a dinner jacket



John Barry, former Marine, successful mountaineer, and leading member of last year's K2 expedition, swallow diving down a rope from an 11-storey building in Easton, London, to cut a tape and open an appropriately named Survival Shop (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Sale room Art market goes into top gear for autumn season

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Auction records were falling like ninespins across two continents yesterday, as the art market moved into top gear for the autumn high season.

Highlights included Pop Art wall paintings for a large room by James Rosenquist at a mere \$2,090,000 (estimate \$600,000-\$800,000) or £1,441,379 at Sotheby's, New York; 1,870,000 Swiss francs (unpublished estimate 1m frs) or £763,265 for a jewel encrusted snuff-box made for Frederick the Great of Prussia at Christie's in Geneva, and £52,800 (estimate £15,000-£20,000) for a depiction of a comfortable Edwardian interior, "Breakfast Time" by Harold Speed.

The Harold Speed picture had been sold from the estate of the artist's daughter at Fox and Sons of Worthing in July for £7,560, thus making a comfortable profit for the astute dealer who bought it.

Contemporary paintings from the estate of Robert C. Scull was the big event in New York, totalling £5,464,914, with only two lots unsold.

Scull ran a New York taxi firm called "Scull's Angels" and began collecting contemporary art in the late 1950s. He bought it successively on Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art and Minimalist Art, getting in ahead of the market.

The sale of 50 pictures from his collection at Sotheby's in 1973 put contemporary paintings on the auction map and for the first time auction prices ran ahead of dealers' and the auction market has not looked back.

The Tuesday night sale broke nine records for individual artists, including a Jasper Johns drawing at \$880,000 (estimate \$350,000-\$450,000) or £606,897.

The new Andy Warhol record looked positively cheap by comparison - a mere \$385,000 (estimate \$175,000-\$225,000) or £265,517 for a canvas covered with 200 one dollar bills.

In London, Sotheby's got the biggest total yet for a sale of modern British paintings at £1,868,945, with 16 per cent unsold.

Munnings was the most expensive artist on offer, but the new auction records included Stanhope Forbes at £67,100 (estimate £20,000-£30,000), Sir John Lavery at £59,400 (estimate £30,000-£40,000), Harold Harvey at £50,600 (estimate £25,000-£35,000) and Jack Butler Yeats at £35,200 (estimate £20,000-£25,000).

As if that was not enough, Sotheby's managed to secure a new auction price record for a historic woodwind instrument when a bass recorder by Peter Bressan of London, dating from the early eighteenth century, sold for £31,900 (estimate £15,000-£20,000).

In Geneva Christie's sold a south German astronomical table clock of about 1570 for 528,000 Swiss francs (£217,731).

The round clock has a gilt-bronze case embellished in high relief with a frieze of Orpheus charming the animals with his music. Only nine are known.

Sotheby's Geneva silver sale made £640,018 with 18 per cent unsold.

Patient 'objected to drug'

A terminal cancer patient who died two days after allegedly being given a massive overdose of drugs objected to the doctor about the size of the dose, Leeds Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Ronald Mawson was often told by Dr John Carr, accused of attempting to murder him, to come to terms with his disease, it was alleged.

And Mr Mawson's wife, Marjorie, in the witness box, said Dr Carr would often "pat him and say are you going to accept it?"

Mrs Mawson said Dr Carr told her it would be a blessing if her husband died peacefully in his sleep.

Mr Mawson began to dislike the doctor because "he was not cheering him up and was asking him to concentrate too much on the disease," she said.

Mr Bernard Hargrove, QC, for the defence, said Dr Carr had no bedside manner, as some people would describe it. "He is a man with a very blunt manner," he said.

Dr Carr, aged 59, of Branch Road, Lower Wortley, Leeds, denies the attempted murder of Mr Mawson, a retired engineer from Fawcett Road, Leeds.

Mrs Mawson said that Dr Carr arrived uninvited about 11.15pm the day after her husband returned from a Leeds hospice and injected him in the top of his leg with Phenobarbitone.

Mr Mawson was heard to say: "I think you've given me a blooming big double dose there, haven't you?"

Mr Mawson, who was diagnosed as having inoperable lung cancer in January 1985, died two days after the injection in August 1985, at Wheatfields Hospice, Leeds. When cross-examined by Mr Hargrove, Mrs Mawson said her husband was forgetful, confused and agitated when he returned home. The case continues.

Maxwell libel case

Ingrams says Eye is not malicious

Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor of *Private Eye*, denied in the High Court yesterday that the satirical magazine was "in the business of destroying reputations".

But he accepted that anyone who appears in *Private Eye* is likely to have "something discreditable" said about them.

He was giving evidence on the eighth day of the claim by the publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell, for libel damages over two articles in the magazine in July last year. The magazine alleged he acted as Mr Neil Kinnock's paymaster in an attempt to buy a peerage.

Mr Ingrams told Mr Justice Simon Brown and a jury that the magazine would "leave a go" if it thought somebody was saying one thing and doing another.

Although he accepted the magazine's policy could be "publish and be damned", it

Jazz man wins libel damages

Kenny Ball, the jazz musician, won "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations concerning a financial dispute with his former wife, Betty.

Mr Ball, aged 56, was reported to have merited the hatred of his family by his response to his former wife's claims and had misled the court about the state of his finances, his counsel, Mr Geoffrey Shaw, said.

The couple, who married in 1952, were divorced in October 1980. After a private court hearing into financial matters in March 1984, *The Sun* newspaper published an "exclusive" article about the proceedings.

Mr Shaw said there was no truth in the allegations which were made to a reporter outside court.

Mr Ball sued for libel to vindicate his reputation.

Mr Andrew Monson, for *Newspapers Group*, publishers of *The Sun*, said they unreservedly apologized and accepted that his conduct in defending his wife's financial claims was not open to criticism.

Death fall

A woman survived for an hour yesterday after falling 200ft from the Clifton suspension bridge over the Avon Gorge at Bristol.

She was still breathing when firemen recovered her from the muddy banks of the river Avon but she died shortly afterwards in Bristol Royal Infirmary.

New presenter

Caren Keating, daughter of the television and radio presenter, Gloria Hunniford, who is the former presenter of a television show for teenagers in Belfast, started a new job as co-presenter of the BBC's *Blue Peter* show yesterday.

LEADING NEWSPRINT MANUFACTURER CONVERTS TO BRITISH COAL

Every day, Reed Paper and Board's mill at Aylesford in Kent produces enough newsprint for 2 million newspapers. As well as Reed Newsprint, the Aylesford mill also manufactures vast quantities of paper and board for the corrugated case industry.

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Asked why coal was preferred to oil, Reed Paper and Board's Director of Purchasing, Michael Gadd comments: "The present low price of oil highlights its biggest problem. Continual price fluctuation makes long-term cost planning impossible. Yes, the price is down today, but sooner or later it will bounce back up again. We cannot live with that kind of situation. Tactical planning isn't for us - for

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Doubts on cost mar French joy over release of hostages

From Diana Geddes, Paris

While France greeted the return of two more of its hostages with delight yesterday, many people were demanding to know what price the Government had paid for their release.

Few believe that some sort of a deal has not been struck, and that more deals will be required to get the remaining five hostages out of Beirut.

M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the Foreign Minister, has already announced that France has finally reached a settlement with Iran over the highly contentious problem of the repayment of the \$1 billion (\$700 million) loan made by the Shah to the French Atomic Energy Commission in 1974.

M Raimond said that he and his Iranian counterpart were ready to sign an agreement for the first instalment of that payment "within the next few days".

He declined to comment on whether the settlement was linked to the liberation of more French hostages, insisting that the "normalization" of relations with Iran would have taken place even if there were no hostages.

While the two French hostages released on Tuesday had been held by the Organization of Revolutionary Justice, a Lebanese Shia group with close links with Syria, at least three of the remaining five hostages are being held by the Islamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian Muslim group. Iran's support, as well as that of Syria, is therefore considered vital.

In this context, observers were interested to note that M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, thanked not only Syria and Algeria for their help in obtaining the release of the two French hostages, but also Saudi Arabia which had not previously been known to be involved. Saudi Arabia has

recently undertaken a rapprochement with Iran.

On Monday, just before France approved the package of anti-Syrian measures proposed by Britain to its EEC partners, the official Iranian radio put out a broadcast praising the "intelligent policy" pursued in the Middle East by M Chirac who, it said, had "improved relations with Tehran and Damascus".

The radio criticized "the attitude of the French Socialists and of President Mitterrand, who are trying to neutralize the efforts of M Chirac, and those of the United States and Great Britain." Both Britain and the US have been selling arms to Iran.

Syria has also been praising M Chirac's attitude toward the Middle East. "Not for a long time have relations with France been so good," Mr Amil Chouari, the Syrian Chargé d'Affaires in Paris said.

One of the hostages, M Marcel Coudari, aged 54, raised hopes of the liberation of more French hostages when he announced on his return to France: "Certain things are going to happen soon".

Seventeen hostages are still being held in Beirut, including two Britons, seven Americans, five Frenchmen, one Irishman, an Italian, and a South Korean.

Asked in Parliament yesterday about the liberation of the two hostages, M Chirac said that their release had been obtained "without giving away anything which would be contrary to our honour and to our ideals... We have not allowed any arms sales with Iran, nor carried out any of the undertakings made by the Socialist Government concerning arms sales to Syria."

Earlier, as he tucked into such unfamiliar delicacies as fillet de boeuf en croûte and mousse glacée Grand Marnier.

Plumb nominated Sir Henry Plumb, former leader of the National Farmers Union and now leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament, was formally nominated yesterday as the Tory group's candidate for the presidency of the Parliament (Richard Owen writes from Strasbourg). The present President, M Pierre Filamin, is nearly 80 and is due to step down next month. The presidential contest takes place in January.

He recounted with matter of fact detachment the diet of dried fish, dry bread and sugar lumps wrapped in newspaper given to Soviet prisoners during the month-long transfer from one labour camp to another, or to exile in Siberia. Euro MPs paused in mid-mouthful.

He warned the West not to accept the Soviet proposal - advanced last week at the Vienna conference on European security, attended by Dr Orlov - for a human rights conference in Moscow unless



Dr Yuri Orlov, the freed Soviet dissident, speaking to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Orlov appeals for European support

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

It is a long way from the labour camps of the Urals and exile in Siberia to the fleshpots of Strasbourg, but Dr Yuri Orlov, the Soviet dissident physicist, yesterday managed the transition with aplomb only just over a month after his unexpected release.

A frail, diminutive figure of 62, his care-lined face topped with a shock of straw coloured hair, Dr Orlov launched an eloquent plea to Euro MPs to ensure that Europe puts as much pressure on Moscow as the United States over human rights abuses.

Accompanied by Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, who won his freedom 10 years ago, Dr Orlov said he was grateful to all European politicians and to fellow scientists who campaigned for his release, which came about on October 5 as part of the Soviet-American deal which ended the Daniloff-Zakharov affair.

He said the struggle on behalf of other dissidents must not cease and must be conducted in a blaze of publicity as well as behind the scenes diplomacy. The West must insist on a direct link between human rights and security issues.

Dr Orlov, who was arrested in 1977 for founding the Moscow-Helsinki Monitoring Group, accused the left in Europe of failing to campaign for human rights in Russia.

Asked if Russia under Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, was moving toward democratization, Dr Orlov said there was greater freedom of the press but the lack of human rights was unchanged.

It was too early to assess Mr Gorbachev: he did not appear to have a personal interest in human rights, and was beholden to the KGB.

The Royal visit to Oman

Meeting the 'coeds' who never mix

From Alan Hamilton, Muscat, Oman

The Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday visited the Sultan of Oman's dream in the desert, a dream which almost became a nightmare two years ago when the name of Mr Mark Thatcher was dragged through the sweet air of one of Britain's biggest overseas construction projects like an old kipper.

Qaboos University is a megalopolis of blindingly bright cream concrete that springs from the sand in the middle of nowhere, a cross between Milton Keynes with sunshine and the film set for a space odyssey. Despite brief allegations that the Prime Minister had used her son as a consultant to lobby unfairly for the contract, it was built to time and on budget by the British construction company Cementation, and received its first 548 students in September of this year.

With a final estimated cost of £360 million, the university is one of the largest building projects in the Middle East, and certainly the largest ever undertaken in Oman, a bold effort by the Sultan to prevent the cream of his youth going abroad.

Built on the desert equivalent of a green-field site, undergraduate life however bears little relation to that at Bath, or Sussex, or Stirling, as the Prince and Princess learned.

In an Islamic nation, albeit a moderate one, it was regarded as a bold step to allow both sexes on the same campus, and

WORLD SUMMARY

Swiss take blame for toxic spill

Under pressure from angry European countries, Switzerland agreed yesterday to tighten environmental regulations regarding toxic chemicals and announced it would consider paying damages to those affected by the spillage of dangerous chemicals into the Rhine (Our Foreign Staff writes).

At a meeting in Zurich between Swiss leaders and environment ministers from West Germany, France, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, President Alphonse Egli said his country was committed to introduce safeguards to prevent another chemical disaster.

Although the Swiss have accepted responsibility and recognised that compensation is due, it was still not clear who would have to meet the growing costs of the damage, which is still harming long stretches of the Rhine, 12 days after 30 tonnes of toxic chemicals poured into the river from a Sandoz plant near Basle.

Holland alone has already estimated the cost of the damage would amount to "millions of dollars".

Arafat on air Sex ads barred

Beirut - Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the main force behind the Palestinian guerrilla revival in Lebanon, made his first, strategic appearance on Lebanese television in more than four years yesterday.

He made a scathing attack on the Syrian Government, its allies, the Shia Amal militia, and Israel.

Teaching in Basque

Madrid - Spain's constitutional court has upheld the Basque Government's provisions for giving local children an education in Euzkera, the Basque language, and approved giving money and official status to it (Richard Wigg writes).

In a judgement significantly upholding the autonomous regions' responsibilities for education, now transferred from the central Government to the regions as part of devolution, the court rejected the Madrid Education Ministry's claim that the Basque law governing the ikastolas (Basque language schools) was unconstitutional.

Kohl: No apology stamp

Bonn (Reuters) - Chancellor Kohl of West Germany will not apologise to Mr Gorbachev for remarks in which he appeared to compare him to Goebbels.

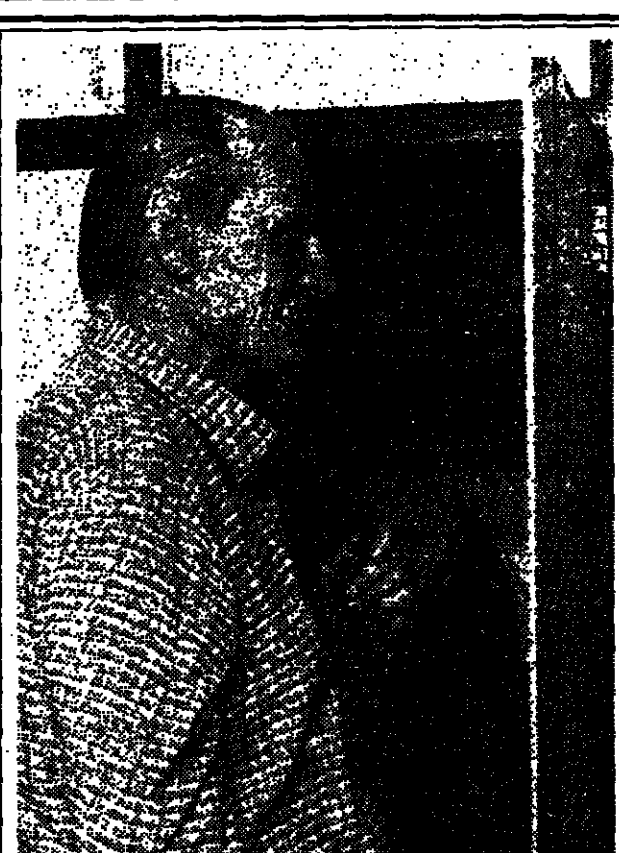
Herr Kohl's foreign policy adviser said the Chancellor had already distanced himself from the remarks, published in Newsweek last month.

Mouse menace over

Billings, Montana (AP) - A man driving on an interstate highway was attacked by a mouse that apparently had been sleeping in the heater vent of his car and got too hot. As a result, Walter Miller's car ended up in a ditch near Billings on Monday night, and the mouse ended up dead.

Patrolman Dallas Adkins said Mr Miller, aged 59, was driving home when the mouse sprang from the dashboard, landed on his shirt and scampered up inside his coat. That caused Miller to let go of the wheel and grab for the mouse, Adkins said, and he lost control of the car and skidded off the road into the snow.

Miller was unhurt, but the patrolman estimated there was \$500 (£344) damage to the car and four highway reflector posts.



Three years ago ex-surgeon William Woodward couldn't even wash without help.

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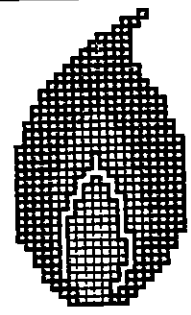
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The Falklands dispute

Alfonsín to seek US backing on fish zone

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Alfonsín of Argentina is to hold talks with President Reagan at the White House next week...

President Alfonsín, who was upset that Britain's action had forced it into such a difficult diplomatic corner...

President Alfonsín, who will be in the US for four days, has held private talks with Mr George Shultz...

OAS tackles peace deadlock

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City

The Organization of American States (OAS) yesterday debated a draft resolution on the Central American conflict...

tries of Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia, and the Support Group countries of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Peru submitted a draft resolution...

ment and open conflict between Nicaragua and its pro-US neighbours. Observers have noted the presence of a number of high-ranking military officers from the US and Central American countries at this year's OAS meeting.



Relatives and friends paying their last tributes to Vyacheslav Molotov, the former Soviet Foreign Minister during the Stalin era, at the funeral ceremony in Moscow's Novodevichy cemetery yesterday.

Ukraine trains in fatal collision

Moscow (Reuter) - A number of passengers were killed when the Kiev-Donetsk and Krivoi Rog-Kiev trains ramed into each other at the small station of Koristovka near Kirovograd in the Ukraine early on November 6.

The public prosecutor has started an investigation into the cause of the crash, which involved human casualties, Tass said.

Looking too far ahead

Belgrade (Reuter) - With inflation in Yugoslavia running at more than 90 per cent, the Belgrade daily Politika reports that a man in the Serbian town of Pirot has bought a coffin because he was afraid it would be too expensive by the time he needed it.

Sun's people

Peking (Reuter) - The governments of China and Taiwan both marked the 120th anniversary of Sun Yat-sen, the man who founded republican China, and both claimed, as always, to be his true successors.

Car killing

Caserta (AP) - Gunmen firing from a car killed four local underworld figures and wounded a fifth yesterday outside a building site.

Crow halt

Tokyo (Reuter) - Two of Japan's super-fast long-distance "bullet" trains were stopped dead in their tracks yesterday, apparently because a crow caused a short circuit.

Tonga trip

Tel Aviv (Reuter) - President Herzog of Israel will make a stop this week in Tonga as part of his 19-day state visit to the South Pacific.

Trade in flesh

Delhi (Reuter) - Indian police claim to have broken up a "flesh trade racket" selling Calcutta and Bangladesh factory girls to Delhi brothels at £170 apiece.

Mafia lawyers accuse minister of perjury

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The ill-fated mass trial of alleged Mafia criminals yesterday took another turn when lawyers representing the family of murdered General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the prefect of Palermo, requested that Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, be charged with false testimony.

discussed the subject of the Mafia and politics with the general shortly before he became prefect. His evidence was contrary to an entry in the general's diary in which he wrote that he had told Signor Andreotti that he would have no regard for the minister's Christian Democrat followers in Sicily in his fight against the Mafia.

Clown who focuses on death

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Armero's once resident clown, Luis Enrique Moreno, has changed his make-up and his act. Once known as "Sonrisal" ("Smiley") these days he calls himself "Lagrímulas" ("Little Tear Drops").

Mubarak pledge on debts

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

In what amounted to a declaration of financial independence, President Mubarak yesterday promised to pay back Egypt's enormous debts to overseas creditors, but refused to countenance foreign "interference" in Egypt's economy, indicating that he would refuse to cut food subsidies or institute realistic exchange rates for the Egyptian pound.

Brasilia attempts to halt economic melt-down

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Growing distortions in the Brazilian economy, such as creeping inflation, a binge in consumer buying, and a flourishing black market, have threatened to undo the country's nine-month-old economic reform and forced the hand of President Sarney.

consumers are bracing themselves for yet another major economic package, or package. The mood here appears to be a mixture of worried anticipation and relief. The major reforms, yet to be officially announced, will reportedly include a hike in residential rates for public utilities (gas, electricity and telephone), and higher sales taxes for some consumer items.

In July, the Government imposed a series of surtaxes and "compulsory loans" on petrol and automobile purchases, but the measures did little to contain a frenzied consumer spending spree or to rein in government spending.

implemented. Fiscal measures are planned to persuade Brazilians to save instead of spend money. The Cruzado Plan, which froze prices and ended automatic wage adjustments for inflation, has been hailed as a blow against a legacy of 200 plus per cent inflation and rampant monetary speculation.

year, and industry has expanded by 15 per cent. Nearly a million jobs have been created this year and unions have managed to negotiate substantial salary increases. All this has put more money in consumers' pockets and sent them on a record buying spree.

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Pretoria agrees to release Machel crash black boxes

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa agreed yesterday, after more than three weeks of haggling, to release the "black boxes" of the Tupolev TU 134 aircraft which crashed on October 19, just inside South African territory, killing President Samora Machel of Mozambique and 33 others.

Pretoria has also announced that two Britons and an American have accepted invitations to sit on South Africa's own board of inquiry into the crash under Mr Justice Cecil Margo, which is expected to begin its work some time in January.

The "three wise men", as they have been dubbed here,

Homeland arrests

Six more people were reported yesterday to have been arrested in the KwaNdebele tribal homeland, under the state of emergency regulations (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg). They include a deputy sheriff and court messenger, a local businessman and a PRO for a football club.

are Colonel Frank Borman, who commanded America's Apollo 8 space mission, Sir Edward Eveleigh, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, and Mr Geoffrey Wilkinson, a former Chief Inspector of Accidents in the Department of Transport.

In a statement released here yesterday, the Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, said Mozambique and the Soviet Union had agreed that Pretoria should select one of two "black boxes" containing identical data and send it to Moscow for decoding and analysis.

Mr Botha said that the two boxes recorded information about "the functioning of the plane in flight and other physical elements which influenced the flight".

The Soviet Union, as the manufacturer of the Tupolev TU 134, which also had a Russian crew, is in sole possession of the computer programme capable of deciphering the information in the boxes.

Pretoria was initially very reluctant to hand the box over to the Russians, claiming that its contents could be tampered with so as to seem to corroborate allegations that President Machel's plane had been shot down or lured to its doom.

After a meeting of frontline states in Maputo, the Mozambique capital, at the end of last month, President Kaunda of Zambia suggested publicly that the South Africans could have used "electronic interference" to disorient the pilot.

Mr Botha further disclosed that a third box, containing cockpit voice recordings, would be "taken to a neutral country for decoding and analysis in the presence of South African, Russian and Mozambican technicians".

Representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and experts from other countries, would also be invited to attend.

Meanwhile, a South African lawyers' organization, the Democratic Lawyers' Congress, has called the seizure by Pretoria of documents found at the site of the October 19 crash an act of "international theft and piracy".

The organization said the disclosure of the contents of the documents, which purport to reveal a plan by Mozambique and Zimbabwe to overthrow the Government of neighbouring Malawi, was an attempt "to divert world attention from the ongoing investigation into the crash".

Colonel Borman was already a highly experienced test pilot when he commanded the Gemini 7 space mission in 1965. In December, 1968, he commanded Apollo 8, the first manned space flight to go into orbit round the moon.

Mr Wilkinson has taken part in several hundred air accident investigations, including one in Yugoslavia involving another Tupolev TU 134. A test pilot, he is thought to be the only Westerner who has flown the Soviet-made aircraft.

Sir Edward Eveleigh has been involved in a number of public inquiries into air crashes.



A black riding on a bus in Durban yesterday after the whites-only buses in the Indian Ocean port city were desegregated to allow anyone to use them. There was mixed reaction from commuters — most did not mind but some were very irate.

Township violence claims two

Johannesburg (Reuters) — A black man was stoned alive and a black woman stoned to death in South African township violence, raising the death toll to about 380 since a state of emergency was imposed on June 12.

The Government's Bureau for Information said that the man was attacked in Soweto, near Johannesburg, on Tuesday night by a group of blacks.

The woman was murdered by about 70 youths who also set fire to a home in Katlehong, east of Johannesburg, the bureau said. About 100 youths set fire to a delivery vehicle in Katlehong.

More buses were stoned on Tuesday in Soweto, where fare increases have sparked off a new outburst of violence.

Eight people hurt in two bomb blasts in the small mining town of Newcastle on Tuesday were still in hospital yesterday, three of them in a serious condition.

South African group in Madeira

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

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The Foreign Ministry in Lisbon said there would be no contacts between the Portuguese Government and President Botha. All of the political parties in Parliament, except the right-wing Christian Democrats, presented a motion of protest against the visit which will be discussed in Parliament today.

An official spokesman for President Soares said that the President had not been previously consulted about the visit by the South African President, but when he became aware of it, he had taken the matter up with the Prime Minister, Senhor Cavaco Silva. The premier has been put in a particularly difficult position because Regional President Jardim is a member of his own Social Democrat party, and Madeira is a major stronghold of Social Democrat votes.

He has made no comment on the visit, leading the Socialist Opposition to accuse him of "putting party interests before foreign policy".

PARIS: President Botha, in France this week for the opening of a war memorial museum honouring South Africans who died in the two world wars, had his visit boycotted by the French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, in protest at Pretoria's apartheid policy.

Only a minor local government official represented Paris at the museum opening in the Picardy village of Loosener.

"The fact that lots of Frenchmen attended the ceremony showed that I was welcomed there," said Mr Botha.

But for the first time he publicly expressed his anger at France's chilly attitude by saying: "If a foreign visitor of standing comes to my country, ordinary decency demands that I receive him."



President Botha: "private" visit causes embarrassment

Cabinet votes for tougher laws on French citizenship

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Radical changes in the French code of nationality, aimed at limiting the number of immigrants able to acquire French nationality, were approved by the Cabinet yesterday despite strong criticism from President Mitterrand, the Council of State, the Catholic Church and human rights groups.

Under the proposed new code, a person born in France to immigrant parents will no longer have the automatic right to French citizenship on turning 18. He will now have to apply for citizenship between the ages of 16 and 23.

Citizenship may be refused if he has been sentenced to more than six months' jail; has not become adequately "integrated into French society, notably through a sufficient knowledge of the French language"; has been the subject of an expulsion order; or has been assigned to an officially designated residence by the courts.

At present, some 100,000 people born of immigrant parents automatically acquire French citizenship every year.

The proposed new code also aims to end the virtually automatic acquisition of French nationality by foreigners who marry French citizens.

The Government says this is necessary in order to stop

the abuse of "marriages of convenience". M Albin Chalandon, the Justice Minister, has notably claimed that "ETA terrorists living in France are marrying French girls to avoid being expelled."

To date, a foreigner married to a French citizen and wanting to acquire French nationality, simply has to file a formal request after six months of marriage. Under the new code, however, he or she will have to go through the same naturalization process as any ordinary immigrant, save that the normal five-year residence requirement will be waived.

M Mitterrand told yesterday's Cabinet meeting that he "deplored" several of the measures in the proposed new code.

An Elysée Palace spokesman said the new code was "based on a philosophy which he (M Mitterrand) does not share". He said the President feared, in particular, that "thousands of young, already torn between two cultures, would be further marginalized".

The Socialists have promised to fight the new code "tooth and nail" when it goes before Parliament, arguing that it is "inadmissible, dangerous, and marked with the stamp of racism".

Zimbabwe jails two for British tourists' murder

From Michael Hartmann, Harare

A Zimbabwean court has sentenced two former soldiers in the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade to life imprisonment for murdering three British tourists in 1982.

The disappearance in that year of Richard John Frankerd, aged 32, his sister, Nicola Jane Frankerd, aged 24, and Alison Jones, aged 25, started a nationwide search which lasted three weeks before their bodies were found in the Nyanga mountains.

Mr Justice Ahmed Ibrahim yesterday convicted Leonard Vurayayi and Benjamin Chokani, who at the time of the murder were stationed at a camp being run by the North Koreans near Nyanga.

The court found "special circumstances" for not imposing the death penalty in view of the fact the two men were teenagers when they committed the murders, and had served as guerrillas in the 1972-80 Rhodesian war.

Mr Frankerd and his sister came from Oakford, Devon, while Miss Jones's home was in Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Party resignation: One of Zimbabwe's 10 white senators, Mr Terence Oat, has resigned from Mr Ian Smith's right-wing Conservative Alliance Party because he is dissatisfied with its "confrontationist" attitudes towards Mr Robert Mugabe's Government.

Sydney court set for fresh wrangle over sensitive MI5 papers

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The legal wrangle over confidential documents on MI5 operations and the investigation of Sir Roger Hollis, a former Director-General, is likely to resume in the New South Wales Supreme Court tomorrow.

A deadline set by the court last week for production of the papers expired yesterday without apparently resolving the wrangle between the British Government and Mr Peter Wright, a former counter-intelligence agent in MI5.

The Government, which on Monday is to start proceedings in the same court to have publication of Mr Wright's memoirs suppressed, said through the British High Commission in Canberra yesterday that it had complied with the court's ruling last week to make the papers available.

But counsel for Mr Wright and the Hemmings company of Australia, which wants to publish his book, said a new application for "particular discovery" would be made to the court tomorrow, indicating that in his view the material submitted had not been complete.

Last week's ruling appeared to oblige the Government to hand over background briefings and notes on the investigation of Sir Roger, on Mrs Thatcher's 1981 statement to the Commons that he was not a Soviet double-agent, and to say whether other books on the British Intelligence Service, by Chapman Fincher and Nigel West, had official clearance.

Yesterday, the solicitor acting here for the British Government refused to say what documents had been produced.

Meanwhile speculation that the Hawke Government is about to enter the fray mounted after a report in *The Age* newspaper in Melbourne yesterday.

Last week Sir Michael Havers, the British Attorney General, confirmed that he had asked Canberra's help to have the Wright book suppressed.

In a front-page story yesterday, *The Age* reported that the Security Cabinet had decided Australia would help try to stop publication, having been persuaded "that publication of the book could compromise Australia's intelligence-gathering operations."

The report went on that Mr Lionel Bowen, the Australian Attorney-General, was expected to seek separate legal representation in the New South Wales court for the former MI5 Director-General when Britain launches its application for an injunction on Monday.

The story was unreported, but the reporter, Mr Mark Baker, the newspaper's diplomatic correspondent, said yesterday he remained satisfied it was true.

It was, however, denied by a spokesman for Mr Bowen, who confirmed that the Security Cabinet had considered the Havers request on Monday, but said that no decision had been taken.

A spokesman at the Prime Minister's office said no comment could be made on matters before the Security Cabinet, a council consisting of Mr Hawke and five senior ministers.

There is actually a clear Australian Government interest in the case which goes beyond the fact that when Mr Wright retired from MI5, he chose to live out his days in the windswept corner of Tasmania.

Sir Roger was involved in the setting up of ASIO, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation. Noting the significance of this for Australia, Mr Justice Powell, who will hear the application, remarked last week that if the former MI5 Director-General was a double agent, "then ASIO is a pack of cards and we will have to start again".



Mr Rodolfo Salas, the jailed guerrilla commander, acknowledging his supporters in Manila after government prosecutors filed new charges of rebellion and murder against him.

First visit to West Gorbachov deputy on trip to Finland

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

The Kremlin's number two, Mr Yegor Ligachev, arrived in Finland yesterday for a four-day visit, his first to a Western country.

Mr Ligachev is one of the three Soviet leaders who is a member of the Politburo as well as being Secretary of the Central Committee. He is officially the guest of the Finnish Social Democratic Party, but he will also meet President Koivisto.

In his written arrival statement, Mr Ligachev emphasized the importance of political parties and organizations during the post-Yegorjark work for nuclear disarmament.

He also praised the co-operation between the Soviet Communist Party and the Finnish Social Democrats and the importance of good Soviet-Finnish relations for the stability of northern Europe, and Europe as a whole.

This is the first visit by a top member of the present Soviet leadership to Finland, and the Finns are anxious to ensure that their special neutrality, based on trouble-free relations with their giant neighbour while maintaining a democratic Western society, will remain stable during Mr Gorbachov's time.

President Koivisto, who runs the country's foreign policy, has established good relations with the Soviet Union during his four years in office. His talks with Mr Ligachev are expected to cover a wide range of subjects, from international tensions to trade.

The fall in oil prices has led to a serious fall in Soviet-Finnish trade, which is conducted on a barter basis. Finns have not been able to find new means to import from the Soviet Union to fill the gap.

Mr Sorsa said in an interview just before Mr Ligachev's visit that it was much more than an inter-party exchange. "In international relations, meetings at the personal level always have a special significance," he said.

"Relations between the Finnish Social Democratic Party and the Soviet Union have been, and will go on being, of strategic importance in links between the international labour movement, Social Democrats and Communists."

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Sweden attacks British and US economic policies

Carlsson sees dangers for democracy

From Tony Samstag, Stockholm

Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister of Sweden, has launched a strong attack on British and American economic policies as having precipitated "a crisis in the industrial state", which, he said, could endanger "the whole democratic political system".

Mr Carlsson told *The Times* that policies which traded off increased unemployment against lower inflation had led to 35 million jobless people in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations, and an apathy among voters that had led to a "shocking" turnout of less than 40 per cent in last week's American elections.

"You cannot have generation after generation having no chance to get work, to get a job," he said. "I would even say that it is perhaps the most serious threat to democracy in the world today."

"I don't know what the leaders in the Eastern Com-



Mr Carlsson: no point trying to imitate Olof Palme.

Democracy, he said, "must be a question of taking part as much as possible, and if people don't even take part in the elections, then there is danger, great danger."

Despite reports in some British newspapers that the Scandinavian welfare state was dying if not dead as a system, Sweden - where the average turnout in elections is over 90 per cent - had shown that there was "a third way", combining a vigorous economy, low unemployment and social responsibility in government, Mr Carlsson said.

Relations between the Nordic Social Democratic parties, "not least the Swedish party", and the British Labour Party had "never been better", he added. He hoped socialists would "come together" in the near future to discuss "the worst crisis since the 30s" and "to form an alternative to these Conservative policies".

Speaking of Mr Olof Palme, his predecessor who was assassinated in February, he said: "For me personally, it was not only the fact that we lost the Prime Minister and Party Leader: we were close friends, our families now sit and then came together, so for me it was a terrible loss, not only political but also very personal."

"We worked together for nearly 30 years. During all that time we never had any important quarrel, any differences of opinion on any important political matters, and there were a number of them during these years. We were ideologically very close together."

He said that there would be no point, however, in trying to imitate Mr Palme. The new Prime Minister would have to do things in his own way, and this would in time probably be seen as a sharp contrast to his "colourless" role as a Number Two.

Mr Carlsson added: "When difficult problems come up - we always call each other or meet, I would say, on all important political matters since 1958, when we started to work together. And now suddenly I think that I should call, and then it comes home again: he's not there..."

Military abuses drop sharply since Marcos

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Military abuses against civilians have dropped sharply since President Aquino took power in February and those violations which continue are due mainly to the "hardline stand" of Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, her Defence Minister, a church-based human rights group has reported.

Task Force Detainees (TFD) reported a 70 to 75 per cent decrease in human rights violations from February 25 - when Mrs Aquino became President - to September 30, compared to the whole of 1985.

The biggest decline was in the number of arrests, according to Sister Roberta Illumin, TFD director.

The monthly average of arrests this year is 86. In 1985 it was 497.

The monthly incidences of summary executions, torture and disappearances has declined by approximately 50 per cent.

Sister Illumin said that although Mrs Aquino released 345 political prisoners soon after taking office, 198 detainees remain in jail on "trumped up charges".

Under the Aquino Government there have been 603 arrests, 238 cases of torture, 88 summary executions (30 of them following military arrests), the disappearance of 33 people after their arrest and 10 military related cases of outright disappearances.

The 12-year old TFD, recognized by the London-based Amnesty International, accused Mr Enrile, for 16 years the Defence Minister of the ousted President Marcos, of being "chiefly responsible" for continuing human rights abuses.

"We could relate (these abuses) in terms of Minister Enrile's counter-insurgency programme," Sister Illumin said.

Government prosecutors yesterday filed new charges of rebellion and murder against Mr Rodolfo Salas, the top guerrilla commander captured in Manila two months ago as rumours of a coup by disaffected Philippines military officers persisted (Reuter reports).

Ethnic riots threaten Sri Lankan economy

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

The Sri Lankan Finance Minister, Mr Ronnie de Mel, presented his tenth successive budget yesterday claiming that without peace the country faced ruin.

"Those who obstruct peace will go down in history as traitors to our country," he said, adding that they could also divide the island.

He blamed ethnic riots for retarding the country's economic growth. After three years of conflict, he said, the island was beginning to feel the strain and bare the scars.

The 1987 budget, however, is the largest Sri Lanka has ever had, with expenditure estimated at £1.8 billion.

To bridge the budget deficit, Mr de Mel has turned to foreign grants and concessionary loans and domestic sources.

He said foreign financing of the budget would mean that debt servicing, which represented 15 per cent of exports in 1980, is set to rise to around 30 per cent in 1987. Inflation, now running at 1.5 per cent, is set to rise to 6 per cent.

Taxes have been raised on alcohol, cigarettes, stamp duty, wheat, petroleum products and private provident funds. Concessions have been granted to exporters and for Sri Lankans working for foreign remittances.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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BARBICAN HALL 6.30-8.00/6.30-8.00
Symphony No. 10, Beethoven
Conductor: Sir Colin Davis

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 7.30-9.00
Symphony No. 10, Beethoven
Conductor: Sir Colin Davis

OPERA & BALLET

COLESHAW'S 8.30-11.00
English National Opera
Tosca, Puccini

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 7.30-9.00
The Barber of Seville, Rossini

THEATRES

ALBERT HALL 8.30-11.00
The Phantom of the Opera

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THE ARTS

John G. 1520

A trick of fate

Anniversary fever broke out again with The Secrets of Suez (BBC2), the 1986 update on the canal that turned into a watershed. Watching the excerpts from interviews filmed in 1966 and 1976, one got the idea that in 10 years' time the film story may at last emerge.

TELEVISION

As to dry historical fact, this hard-working programme established that the secret protocol providing for Israel's aggression was signed by Ezer Weizman and unanimously approved by Cabinet, and that Ezer's health remained sound throughout the crisis. This vain, debonair man's televised speech to the nation, when he sat blinking behind his specs like the defendant at a show trial, was wheeled out once again, but we had to wait another two hours to learn that he attributed the brightness of the studio lights to Communists in the BBC.

The first part of Television and Number 10 (also BBC2) traced the sad decline of political indifference to the media, from Churchill's disastrous screen-test to Wilson's only love-affair with the camera. In a scene dappled about like a hobo's hood, Howard and Douglas Home, filmed today, remarked that "That Was the Week That Was" "slightly got under my skin". Only Atlee emerged as at all admirable with his unceasing contempt, and that may have sounded his political death-knell.

Scheduled as a candle on BBC Television's fiftieth birthday-cake well before Mr Tebbit's current round of Auntie-mugging, this documentary evoked the distant days when television was expected as a matter of course to act as the Government's lap-dog, and when political comment was banned by the 14-day rule. Since then, as Part 2 will show tonight, the image-dressing fervour of "media consultants" has reduced (or perhaps elevated) our leaders to the realm of show business.

Martin Cropper

Hoskins takes another award

Britain's Bob Hoskins has won the award for Best Actor at Portugal's second international film festival at Troia for his role in Neil Jordan's Mona Lisa.

The week-long festival at the modern beach-resort near Lisbon also included several other British feature films and documentaries, among them Wetherby, Coming Up Roses, Sea Coal, Letter to Brezhnev and My Beautiful Laundrette. There was also a wide variety of entries from the USA, Canada, the Soviet Union, France, Cuba, Sweden, Turkey, Italy, Brazil, India and other countries. The American Fool For Love, directed by Robert Altman, was judged the best film in the festival.

The organizers of the festival are aiming at promoting tourism and attracting international companies to produce films in Portugal. Foreign producers are already showing interest. Carthage Productions of Tunisia will collaborate with Portuguese producers to make part of Zeffirelli's new film on the life of Toscanini in the New Year.

Pryce holds tragic sway

THEATRE

Macbeth Stratford

Following the thrilling Footsbarn production of last month, here is another high-pressure Macbeth played in the key of the supernatural. Both performed without interval, the Footsbarn covered the ground in two hours flat while the RSC got it down to two hours and 20 minutes. Both tackle the central question of tragic responsibility in a predetermined action: the first through ritual ritual, the second through individual psychology.

Adrian Noble sets the play in the latest variant of the RSC's empty box, a recessed platform surrounded by blank timber walls. It can be anywhere: the heath, the castle, the interior of the hero's skull. Radio productions of Macbeth commonly delocalize events in this way, but it is an unusual procedure on the stage, and it gives the witches a rare chance to supervise events, materializing among the banners of Duncan's army or holding a Black Communion in the debris of the Macbeths' banquet. It installs them as figures of sibylline authority, ready at any moment to invade the hero's mind. That, above all, is Mr Noble's chosen setting, and

the strength and weakness of his production is that it amounts to a one-man show. The clue to Jonathan Pryce's Macbeth is that he is a passive character. To do anything he needs to be given an order. Hitherto he has obeyed his king. Now he receives orders from elsewhere; they happen to express his secret ambition, but if anything goes wrong he can always blame someone else. In this reading, the text comes to Mr Pryce's aid. It was the bell that "invited" him to do the murder. He was "drawn" by the unseen dagger. At every turn he can find another alibi, even though it is only a projection of his own fantasy. Then, of course, there was the wife, bullying him into regicide.

Lady Macbeth's job is done as soon as Duncan is dead. Sinead Cusack plays her as a corporation wife, blind to everything except the banality

of her husband's advancement, and reduced to mute horror when she sees the monster she has let loose. Her sexual dominance in the early scenes exists strictly in contrast to her husband's apparent feebleness. Mr Pryce, an actor whose presence used to signal instant danger, has learnt to keep his powers in reserve; and, for a good third of the action, he maintains a mask of ingratitude — excessively modest, ready with winning smiles, forever running his hand irresolutely through his thinning hair.

Even when the mask cracks it is only by degrees, and it is not until the climax of the banquet — which he diversifies with burlesque displays of lunacy to put the guests off the scent — that the monster finally hatches out. He takes his wife's hand for the speech on "night's black agents" and finishes it with a blood-curdling shriek that sends her staggering across the stage; then bursts into laughter at his little joke.

The performance is full of such moments of stabbing surprise — to which Mr Noble adds some of his own, as where she speaks some slicing through the besieged castle

walls, final evidence that reality is at last penetrating the infernal private world. After that, Macbeth is carved to pieces by Peter Guinness's Macduff without even raising his sword. It is a performance showing a ferocious imagination at full stretch, and it leaves room for very little else on the stage.

Apart from Hugh Quarshie's watchful Banquo, the Scottish nobility are a dull, interchangeable lot; and David Troughton's Porter, burdened with witless new gags, is a roaring windbag. The witches are a businesslike trio, going through their conjurations as though repeating prayers by rote. Here, as elsewhere in the show, Mr Noble seems to be achieving spurious effects simply by reversing theatrical clichés.

The one interesting novelty is the introduction of children who play blind-man's-buff with Macbeth in the apparition scene and then reappear as Macduff's doomed family. The evident reference is to the Macbeths' failure to produce a family of their own; but the idea is insufficiently worked out to achieve dramatic focus.

Irving Wardle



A monster on the point of release: Sinead Cusack and Jonathan Pryce as the Macbeths (photograph by Donald Cooper)

Ian Richardson has recently been visited by an intruder — the neighbourhood tom-cat — and has doused his living-room carpet in cologne to try to obliterate the smell. "I'm sorry if this place smells like a brothel", he says. In this part of Clapham any raised voices behind the bay-windows are likely to belong to actors rehearsing their lines: Prunella Scales and Timothy West are up the road, Michael Gough and Daniel Massey around separate corners. "Yes", says Richardson, again sounding faintly apologetic, "it is a bit of an enclave."

Tomorrow evening at the National Film Theatre Richardson appears in the title-role of Blunt, a BBC film directed by John Glenister and scripted by Robin Chapman. The film, which is being transmitted in the New Year, is set in 1951 as Burgess and Maclean prepare to flee to Russia and Anthony Blunt stays behind to mind the fort, and the Courtauld. This is the first time, although not one suspects the last, that Blunt has appeared in dramatized form. The role of Guy Burgess, here played by Anthony Hopkins, is first becoming an essential part in any distinguished actor's repertoire.

Richardson was first mooted to play Blunt, much to his astonishment, more than three years ago. Shortly after Blunt died, Richardson read in a paper that he had been earmarked for the part. This was news to both him and his agent and, assuming it had all been wild speculation, he put it out of his mind. Earlier this year Blunt finally caught up with him. In many ways it was an ideal Richardson part. There may not be that much direct physical resemblance, but Richardson has a suitably patrician bearing, while there is something about his sharp, impassive features that seems to lend itself to portrayals of upper-class treachery. Richardson has played a good few cold, often duplicitous, fish in his time, including Bill Haydon in Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy. He was to find out that Blunt and Haydon had rather more in common than the same elevated shoes Richardson wore for both parts.

In the flesh Richardson is at pains to emphasize that he is not a cold fish at all. Sporting two poppies in his buttonhole, he is effusive, if nervous, throwing his legs back and forth over one another as he speaks. "When we were shooting Tinker, Tailor I asked John Le Carré if he was happy with my interpretation of Haydon, because I was having difficulty in finding him. I wanted to know if he had had anyone in mind when he wrote the character. 'Ah', said Le Carré, 'that would be telling.' Not long after the series came out the whole Blunt thing exploded and I suddenly realized who Le Carré's model had been."

When Richardson came to play Blunt, he had therefore got something of a head start, especially in his knowledge of the workings of the Secret Service. During Tinker, Tailor he had been invited to a soiree attended by what Richardson refers to as "real-life gentlemen" who filled

Ian Richardson's extraordinary skill in depicting duplicity, memorable in Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, aspires to fresh heights in the title-role of Blunt, a BBC production to be shown for the first time at the National Film Theatre tomorrow: interview by John Preston

A supremely high class of treachery



Ian Richardson as Anthony Blunt: "such a terribly enigmatic figure"

him in on the espionage background. "It was very strange, these highly intelligent, retired Secret Service types all treating me as one of them." But, while the background was there, Richardson still had to get a line on Blunt, a man, he agrees, who was well-nigh unfathomable. Unlike Burgess, in particular, Blunt had no apparent personal resentment against

the Establishment, indeed was happy within its bosom, less viper as the years went by than devoted lap-dog.

"I watched quite a lot of television footage of Blunt", he says. "The most interesting thing was a film of the late Richard Dimbleby going round the Queen's pictures with Blunt as his charming escort. He came over as charming, extremely polite and very

knowledgeable. But that was all you saw; there was no glimpse of the man behind the manner. And, when I watched the press conference he gave after he had been exposed, you got nothing from that either. His face remained almost totally immobile.

"I had to try to understand him, not necessarily to sympathize, although that is always a temptation. I remember when I played Robespierre I tried to find a book that excused him. But you must reach out to find the human side, otherwise you can't serve the drama properly. I told myself that Blunt loved Burgess very deeply and that he always claimed he was never responsible for the loss of any agents in the field. I also had a feeling that, because he could so easily have been blackmailed, the KGB had a very firm grip on him. But Blunt was such a terribly enigmatic figure that in the end I decided the less research I did the better. When I played Pandit Nehru in The Last Viceroy I spent three months exploring the character. But then Nehru needed thick oil-paint on the canvas of my interpretation. In comparison Blunt is made up of very thin watery colours and light brush-strokes."

A Richardson canvas is apt to be a pretty sparsely covered affair. He has, he says, learnt a great deal from Alec Guinness about paring everything down to the barest of essentials. "It's pure technique. That stillness, or impassivity, is something I have to work very hard at. When I am rehearsing I always say to the director that I am going to go right over the top. Then I will start discarding bit by bit. By the time I get to the performance I have eliminated a lot of what I hope is superfluous."

Richardson must be one of the few actors living, or dead for that matter, who has played both Professor Higgins in My Fair Lady and the title-role of Richard III. But then he is one of a comparatively rare breed happy to do the "light, frothy stuff" yet capable of summoning up the gravitas when required. He has done little theatre in recent years, partly because he says he cannot find the right vehicle, and partly because concentrating on film and television work allows him and his wife to spend more time in their house on the Côte d'Azur. Since finishing Blunt, Richardson has not forsaken the Secret Service entirely; he went on to play the head of MI6 in the film version of Frederick Forsyth's The Fourth Protocol, then took a big swing into the ridiculous playing the master of a (highly) fictionalized Cambridge college in the television adaptation of Tom Sharpe's Porterhouse Blue.

"I'm always being asked to play these sinister types", he says. "But you know I rather enjoy being warm and amusing. There is nothing more rewarding in the world than having someone come up to you and say 'I am going to go right over the top and make me laugh.' Richardson twiddles his thumbs thoughtfully and adds: "Particularly if it was an ad-lib."

The Old Man of Lochnagar

Sadler's Wells

In the dear dead days before he began spending his free time communing with flowers, the Prince of Wales wrote an entertainment for his younger brothers. This was subsequently published in book form, and here — in a musically expanded version by David Wood — reaches the climax of its national tour for Whirligig Theatre.

The story concerns the exertions of the titular old man (Iain Lauchlan, in the company of three mischievous haggles) first to find and then to save from peril a race of diminutive mountain-dwellers known as the Gorms. It can be no secret that Prince Charles is a devotee of the Gorms and their "surreal" humour. Faint echoes of that style may be heard in the homey puns that decorate the script. "I've far too much groupwork to do" expostulates the Old Man's daily (Mary-Ann Coburn got up as a grouse) — although this sally fails to rouse the proto-Molesworths and trainee St Trinianettes who comprise the audience.

The elements of the piece to which they do respond are the moments of jeopardy, as when the Old Man encounters a giant spider or finds himself in the clutches of the dreaded Pig-Eagle — a compound beast possessed of a "blood-curdling grunt". There is enough of this stuff to keep the thing earning its living, and Mr Lauchlan and Miss Coburn (who doubles as Queen of the Gorms) are both accomplished performers who know how to milk the adaptor's production.

It might be objected that the villain of the piece — Percy Copley as Giant Gormless, a dozy Sassenach intent on kidnapping the Gorms for his circus — is nothing like fearsome enough to provide the edge of terror required; and any self-respecting boy's toes would curl at the sight of the gymnastic creatures garboling about in their Highland fastness like Flash Gordon extras out of Richard Dadd. But Susie Caulcutt's design strikes exactly the right note with its grotesques and caves rendered in the tints of traditional fairy-tale books, particularly so in the underwater sequence which conveys a rocco nether world with great richness.

Martin Cropper

EXHIBITION

Philip Larkin University College, London

"Things I like in a town", Philip Larkin wrote in 1954, just before he moved to Hull, "are smallness, nearness of country, friendliness of people, some degree of inaccessibility." The exhibition Philip Larkin: His Life and Work (until December 5) was first shown for a few weeks this summer at the University of Hull, where Larkin was librarian for 30 years until his death from cancer a year ago. It is an affectionate and learned tribute, devised and catalogued by Brian Dyson, Hull University archivist.

An economical first section introduces Larkin's published work: first editions of his poems from The North Ship (1945) to High Windows (1974), his two novels, Jill (1946) and A Girl in Winter (1947), the anthologies to which he contributed, the controversial Oxford Book of Twentieth-Century Verse (1973) and his final critical collection, Required Writing (1983). The organizers, who knew Larkin well, have set some deliberate puzzles. What would Larkin, a notably witty man, have said about "Church Going" translated into Japanese, or a thesis entitled "That sinking feeling: a study of endings in the poetry of Philip Larkin"?

His Collected Poems are eagerly awaited, but the book is still held up, amidst considerable publicity, at the planning stage. Larkin was a rigorous self-critic and the proportion of unpublished drafts to published poems is unusually high. The notebook in the British Library has been in the public domain since 1964. Otherwise this exhibition has provided the first and very welcome chance to see some working drafts and unpublished poems.

With a poet of Larkin's stature even the minor pieces are intriguing. "Letter to a Friend about Girls" is a find.



Self-portrait, c. 1963

It is pretty to be hoped that Larkin's unpublished poems, working drafts and notebooks will be preserved for study, if not for publication.

George Hartley, publisher at the Marvell Press of The Less Deceived (1955), has lent a remarkable collection to this exhibition: letters, copy, typescripts or pages torn from the privately-printed XX Poems (1951) and the Fantasy Press pamphlet (1954), and galley- and page-proofs used in preparing the book. Hartley overcame Larkin's well-known reluctance to read his poems in public: the recording of The Less Deceived, first issued in 1959 and still going strong, is well documented.

It is well worth hunting for the photographic material in a nearby room, where Patrick Garland's excellent BBC Monitor programme is also running throughout the exhibition. On December 2, the Poetry Society and University College are mounting a memorial reading and jazz concert at University College.

Jenny Stratford

Embattled lyric impulses

Like a nude ice-skater, Brian Ferneyhough places a great deal of faith in his technique. He also exposes himself to an inspection avoided by so many composers who cover themselves with earlier forms and manners. There is nothing "quasi" here, nothing "neo", no quotation marks. Even the notorious complexity of his music seems more an avoidance of backward reference than obfuscation, though arguments on these grounds are beginning to wear rather thin now that he is emerging from his forests of heavily qualified demi-semi quavers to execute elegant figures in an open air of his own discovery.

His recent Etudes transcendentales for soprano and instrumental quartet is a thoroughly remarkable essay in daring, being not only the lynchpin in his concert-length Carceri d'invenzione cycle but Carceri d'invenzione, a companion-piece to Le Marteau sans maître and Pierrot lunaire. These are tough acts to follow, and if there were any doubts

CONCERT

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about the success of the work Ferneyhough would be feeling chilly in some pretty uncomfortable places. But there are none.

Simply that. We are dealing here with something very special and rare, something which eases back, against so great a resistance, the boundary of the beautiful. The journey from Schoenberg to Boulez to Ferneyhough is one of a lyric impulse ever more embattled, and the world of the new piece is, as the heading of the penultimate movement has it, "cold but under great pressure".

The composer refers to a line of Trakl. "The pain face in the stone", to suggest this emotion that is petrified (in both senses), and his nine poems, by Ernst Meister and

Alrun Fortig, pick at ancient, distant, icy but still furiously alive images — as furiously alive as his own wheezing oboe solo with vocal support, his brilliantly numb, dark song with harpsichord and pizzicato cello, his duet for voice and a flute, at first aerated by scale patterns, his adagissimo of muted congealing around a vocal part of soft, detached sounds and his quite extraordinary finale.

This opens with a strident, high, unison F sharp, a signal of music squeezed to the limits, and ends with a resigned cessation of the war to weld music and words together: the singer speaks the poem, and the quartet fanatically spirits itself away.

Jane Manning was, by this stage, clearly in trouble from a throat infection, but she had sung like a manic angel to press home the importance of this work, very eloquently aided by Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez.

Paul Griffiths

LONDON DEBUTS

A liking for the unusual

The last moment, but found the torrents of notes in Strauss's Violin Sonata a challenge that daunted just too much, while Miss Layton, playing with a thinness sound, seemed happy merely to have got through this somewhat overblown piece at all.

Beethoven's E flat Sonata, Op 12 No 3, was much better, showing mature, but thankfully not over-refined, sensibility; there was also plenty of give and take between the two protagonists.

Sharing the evening, which was promoted by the Worshipful Company of Musicians, was the piano duo of Christopher Scott and Ste-

phen Coombes. In Clementi's Sonata in B flat they conveyed the music's romantic emotions on an appropriately intimate scale, but in their superb performance of Rachmaninov's Suite No 1 there were no limits to the power with which they expressed feelings. And Ravel's La Valse can seldom have been quite so darkly yet majestically evocative of those swirling Viennese rhythms. Peter Lawson's Song of the Late Spider Orchid, here receiving its world premiere, was surely, however, all too faux-naïf.

The Canadian pianist Daria Telizya rather naughtily gave a season of three so-called London debuts. In the second of them she played Debussy, Barber and the Fantasy, Elgar and Toccata by the Canadian-Czech composer Oskar Morawetz, a work full of spirited freedom albeit in a conservatively neo-classical vein. Her touch, I thought, was nicely refined here. But she spoiled everything with a performance of Liszt's Piano Sonata that seemed both technically and musically woefully ill-prepared.

Stephen Pettitt

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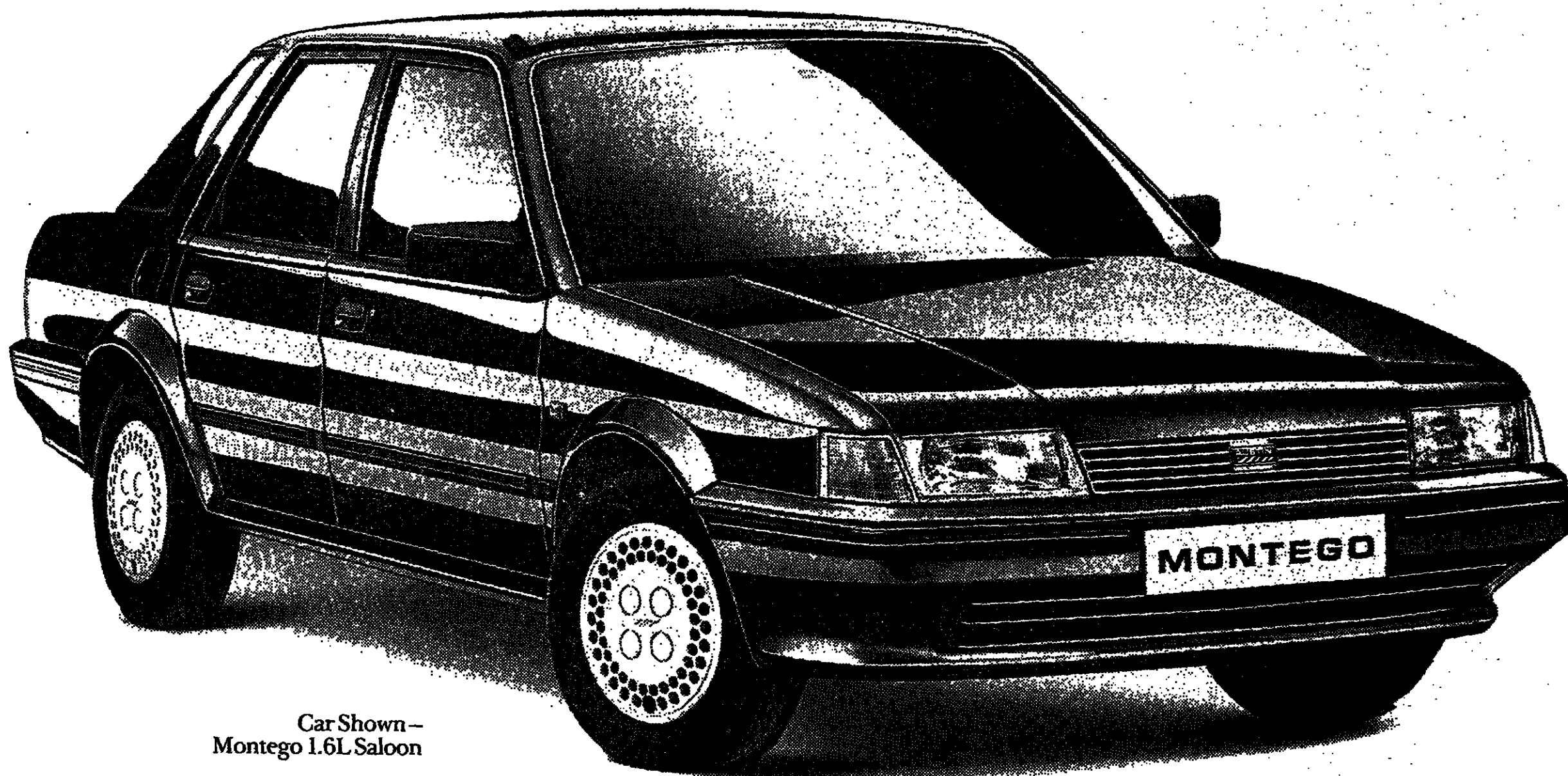
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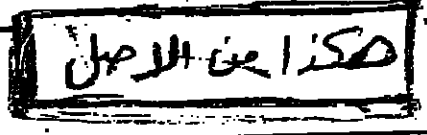
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In a doomed attempt to reduce this physiognomy to manageable proportions, its owner has been called Denis the Menace and Desperate Dan. But always Sir Denis Rooke emerges as bigger than his detractors. After all, admen, merchant bankers and journalists don't actually do anything. Sir Denis, among other things, was on the 23-day maiden voyage of the Methane Pioneer from the Gulf of Mexico to Convey Island - it was the world's first liquefied natural gas carrier and it is generally assumed he would have known how to build the ship single-handed.

As the hours tick away to the world's biggest-ever share flotation, the £5.5bn sale of British Gas, the whole story seems increasingly to centre more and more on this man's character. For a start, unlike almost every other executive caught up in the Government's privatisation programme, he has been against the idea from the beginning. He has never succumbed to the public relations demand to view the whole thing as an exciting leap into the future. And he has remained determinedly unconvinced by its philosophical justifications.

The key to Rooke's survival lies in his indisputable

THE TIMES PROFILE

SIR DENIS ROOKE

- 1924: Born April 2, London.
- 1944: Joined REME, serves in UK and India.
- 1948: Married Elizabeth Evans (one daughter). Joined South Eastern Gas Board as assistant mechanical engineer.
- 1954: Deputy Manager of Works.
- 1957: Seconded to North Thames Gas Board to work on liquefied natural gas.
- 1959: As member of technical team, sailed on Methane Pioneer on first voyage.
- 1960: Development Engineer, Gas Council (member for production and supplies, 1966-71).
- 1972: Joined Advisory Council for Research and Development.
- 1976: Chairman, British Gas Corporation (formerly Gas Council).
- 1977: Knighted.

problem been railways or bridges, then it would have been easier to visualize him in the tradition of Brunel or Telford. But the problem was merely one of piping a mundane commodity to our kitchens.

Rooke was not solely responsible but his name is stamped as firmly on the achievement as was that of Brunel on the Great Western Railway, the point being that Rooke was never anything but a gas engineer, pure and simple.

Born in south-east London in 1924, he was educated at Westminster City School, Addey and Stanhope School and University College, London. He married in 1949, the year that gas was nationalized, and in the same year he joined the South Eastern Gas Board. He became deputy chairman of British Gas in 1972 and chairman in 1976.

This uninterrupted immersion in the industry has produced in him a range of attitudes which have been persistently at odds with all attempts at political interference. The logistics of gas pricing and supply have obliged him always to take a longer-term view than any of his political masters. And he has insisted on believing that the industry's primary obligation is to its customers, which has given him a rationale for overriding the usual considerations for shareholders. Additionally, his engineering



Sir Denis Rooke: a gas man right to the fingertips

background has led him to take a strictly empirical view of what works and what does not. It is this wholehearted empiricism which has time and again crashed violently against the rationalist sea-wall of Whitehall.

The noise has frequently been deafening. He publicly assaulted the Queen's Speech in 1981, with its veiled threats towards British Gas, and was equally publicly told off by Nigel Lawson. Yet in June this year, at the expiry of his contract, the Government asked him to stay for another three years.

He fought and won the battle to prevent the business being split up into supply, distribution and sale of appliances but he lost the battle to keep its oil interests. For the moment he has lost the battle to buy gas from the Norwegian Sleipner Field in the 1990s - a £20bn deal - but privatization will let him win that in the long run. The outcome of the final battle, the effective means of controlling gas prices after the flotation, remains uncertain.

Rooke, an amateur photographer, lives in a fairly humble, detached, whitewashed house of indeterminate character in Blackheath. He is a trustee of the Science Museum, where a colleague says he is a champion of charging the customers and is amiable but garrulous. He said Rooke assiduously wrote down the name of a neighbour who was having trouble with his gas supply and something was done.

Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, grows lyrical about the man's unassailable honesty and the sheer delight of spending an evening with Rooke and his wife. This frequently consists of a trip to the opera at which Rooke, disconcertingly, hums along.

But Rooke has shown himself impatient with attempts to get behind his formidable facade - he finds the flaunting of private life distasteful.

He has said: "The trouble with these people who say they're sorry but they've got to go now because they're here too about the quality of life and they need to be off and play golf... the trouble with them is they never actually achieve things."

The City remains bemused. Stockbrokers' analysts have wriggled with delight on being told by this impatient, sceptical giant that their questions are meaningless. But behind their glee lies a suspicion about the shares. Apart from their long-term potential, there is the question of the company succession. Rooke's key board members are gas men too - but have they anything like the star-quality of Robert Evans, the chief executive, is the crown prince but the danger is that British Gas, even on this scale, could turn out to have been a one-man company all along.

Overall, however, even the analysts are left speechless. Like Brunel or Telford, Rooke has done something in an age when the highest accolades usually go to somebody who has fixed something. Or, as one well-heeled beneficiary of the Big Bang put it: "He kept a lot of grannies alive."

Bryan Appleyard

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Human under the helmet



THE THIN BLUE LINE

A growing number of police forces are striving to forge better links with local people. Our series continues with a look at their successes - and their failures

Part 4: Local heroes?

It is a bleak afternoon on the streets of Govan and the steady rain has driven even the hooligans back inside their concrete towers.

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A tendency to hum along at the opera

record of success. British Gas has grown relentlessly to a £1.1bn profit on turnover of £7.7bn, which makes most brokers gleeful about the short-term prospects for the share flotation even if they are sceptical about the longer-term, given the company's dangerous dependence on a single product and its vulnerability to changes in the home market.

The growth has been achieved against a post-second world war background fraught with technical and political difficulties. In 1949 the industry consisted of more than 1,000 separate companies supplying "town gas" - produced from coal - to 11.5m consumers.

In May of that year gas was nationalized, only to run headlong into a potentially fatal cost problem relative to electricity and oil. Gas suddenly became the fuel of the past, associated with the bad old pre-war days and crudely uncompetitive with the clean, slick, image of electricity.

The Gas Council - as British Gas then was - responded by switching to "high speed" gas, derived from oil. But this huge technical achievement was rendered obsolete by the discovery of a commercially viable North Sea natural gas field in 1965.

The next decade was spent switching to natural gas. Rooke was at the centre of the whole operation in a variety of posts as he rose through the company's ranks. The very word "gas" is perhaps too humble for the full scale of the achievement to be appreciated. Had he been a Victorian and the

officer in overall charge of Strathclyde's community policing projects, believes that it is basically "what every policeman should be doing anyway". By getting personally involved with local youngsters, project officers can help to prevent crime. And with their paperwork kept to a minimum they can devote almost all their time to the job.

Constables Campbell and Hayes have personally visited every shop and resident on their Govan patch, including those in the multi-storey council blocks. Now, when the inhabitants ring the police station, they ask for their officers by name.

The constables have also used their local knowledge to help the CID and the drugs squad solve several serious crimes, including a murder. "I would say that we get half our information from criminals,"

Hayes says. "If one criminal dislikes another, he'll grass." Campbell agrees. "Some of the youngsters we've arrested have never had anyone sit down and talk to them like a human being before. We give them a cup of tea and ask them about their mum and dad. In return some of them have told us what they've been involved in lately and we've cleared up a lot of crime."

Even so, he and Campbell are realistic in measuring their achievements by the fact that in the eyes of most of the community, "we've turned from being loathed into a necessary evil".

Sally Brompton

TOMORROW

Hi-tech detection: fingerprint facts

Villains beware: public alert "significant drop" in the number of burglaries on his patch, and there have been arrests "directly attributable to the quick work and sharp eyes of Home Watch members".

Flixton is in the Trafford division, which now boasts 1,000-plus Home Watch schemes. PC Dave Elleray, of the Community Contact Department, says: "We don't want spies. We don't want to know whether the guy next door hasn't paid his car tax. We want people to be alert."

Inspector Bill Pattinson of the Community Relations Branch says: "Cynics say Home Watch only helps shift crime from one district to another. I suppose one may logically have to accept some displacement, but we have no direct evidence of this."

As policemen we are enthusiastic about the scheme. We simply cannot fight crime on our own. We need the help and support of the public."

Alan Bennett

'Most complaints are resolved by apology'

The Brixton riots of 1981 proved to be a watershed in the debate on the handling of complaints against the police.

In his report on the disturbances, Lord Scarman wrote: "I find that there is a lack of public confidence in the existing system" and called for the rapid introduction of an independent element in investigating complaints.

The system centred on the Police Complaints Board, founded in 1976 against considerable opposition from senior officers. Investigations were in the hands of the police, but the board received a copy of the final report and could overturn the police decision.

The operation of the board pleased neither the police nor the public, and in 1984 the Police and Criminal Evidence Act replaced it with the Police Complaints Authority.

Under the Act all complaints still have to go to the local chief constable in the first instance. The bulk of complaints involve disciplinary or inconsiderate behaviour and can be resolved informally by an apology or explanation, and the chief constable will appoint someone of the rank of at least chief inspector to investigate.

If, however, the complaint involves death or serious injury, and is likely to result in a criminal or disciplinary charge

BOOKS

Doubtful art of Kremlinology From scarlet to fatigues with pride

By the very nature of the impossible task he faces, the Western observer in a totalitarian society is either a fool or a liar, depending on whether or not he reports what he sees. Historically, Western reporters based in Soviet Russia, the original "closed" society, have either been duped by the regime's presentation of itself - intended for foreign consumption - or chosen to ignore it, relying instead on wild conjectures as the only alternative source of news. Richard Owen, until recently the Moscow correspondent of The Times, steers clear of the two options, which makes him an exception to the rule; unfortunately, it also makes for a rather empty book, since even an intelligent and honest observer like this one is incapable of penetrating the closed society, whose inner workings are hidden from all.

Andrei Navrozov

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present and future. This is the fundamental shortcoming of Kremlinology as a discipline. By contrast, The Waking Giant is a chatty, urbane paean to the gentrification of totalitarianism by The Guardian's man in Moscow. Mr Walker wastes no time reconstructing the hidden realities of Soviet rule; he constructs them to partisan specifications with the energy and confidence of a Novosti Press Agency spokesman. To build his Potemkin village for the Eighties, the author relies on propaganda myths (CPSU workers are "sustained by the profit made from the sales of Pravda and other party publications, and by the party dues"), absurd clichés ("Traditionally for Russia, war is something that other people inflict on them [sic]"), and bald assertions ("Staraya Ploshchad" [grossly distorted Russian for Moscow's Old Square, location of CPSU's central committee secretariat] is "the real seat of power in the Soviet Union").



Last Post and the Empire moves on: Prince Charles and the British Governor, Lord Soames, stand in attention as the Union Jack comes down on Rhodesia

Much has already been written about Britain's disengagement from the greatest empire, in the traditional sense of the term, the world has ever seen. Most of this has been put together from a political angle, with necessary consideration of economic and social factors and, naturally, some attention to the military. What has been lacking hitherto, however, is a comprehensive account of the process of disengagement seen as a military continuum, recognizing the constant (and frequently overriding) importance of the military component in the whole. Disengagement and withdrawal were in essence a continuous military operation. It was made up of many different campaigns and actions, in many different parts of the world, with sharp differences of climate, environment, and terrain, and with people of varied race and colour and - with the important exception of the universal quest for independence from colonial rule - with widely differing aspirations. The complete act of disengagement

can be seen as one coherent military whole, of interlocking and sometimes scarcely compatible parts, all directed, of course, to political ends. But what military activity is not? This is a study of the essential tool in a major act of political devolution in a world-wide overseas empire, and the response of the British Armed Services to the heavy demands it made on them: demands that were clearly met in a manner demanding unstinted admiration. The one high constant throughout this kaleidoscopic manifestation was the performance of those in service, in one way or another, under the British Crown. General Jackson simplifies his approach by a tripartite division. His first part, "from rags to riches", briefly follows the high road to Empire from the time of the first Elizabeth up to the point reached in the aftermath of the First World War. His last, "... and back to rags", follows the downward path traced through Ulster, the Oman, Southern Rhodesia, and the Falklands from 1971, when withdrawal was completed from South East Asia accord-

John Hackett

WITHDRAWAL FROM EMPIRE By William Jackson Batsford, £17.50

ing to the United Kingdom's overall plan, up to 1982. The main purpose and value of this admirable and important book lies in an examination of the military activities that were of paramount importance in the journey from riches (in this perhaps rather highly coloured figure of speech) back to rags. This forms the main body of the book. Closely concerned though the author certainly was himself with much of the action he writes about he does it all with dispassionate detachment. His chapters on the post-war allied reoccupation of South East Asia, against the rising tides, often confluent, of Communism and nationalism, and the highly successful operations in Kenya and Malaysia to contain them, make text book reading. Our failure

in the Middle East, where American ambitions over oil supply combined with a strong transatlantic anti-colonial hangover to offer formidable obstacles to what we tried to do, is well and soberly handled. The chapter on "The Final Disengagement" ends with a tribute to British men-at-arms: "The creation and withdrawal from Empire shows them at their best in the maritime environment - sea, land and air - meeting the unexpected challenge anywhere in the world with judicious politico-military tactics which have made them some of Britain's best ambassadors." I single out one series of events to which General Jackson devotes particular attention. Speaking of the victory in Borneo he writes "... The battle for hearts and minds in Borneo was never lost in Vietnam and in Aden it was never won." Jackson goes on to report Denis Healey's observations in the Commons on 27 November 1967, on operations in Borneo, Malaya, and Singapore, "offered with perhaps pardonable pride by one of the very best Secretaries of State for Defence

we have had, who was in office at the time: "... in history books it will be recorded as one of the most efficient uses of military force in the history of the world." This is a welcome and timely book. The military vertebral column upon which the operations for Great Britain's successful and by no means undignified disengagement from Empire were hung is here for the first time to be seen in one piece. It is timely because many of the chief actors in this huge drama are still with us, in the colonies if not on stage, and records are now more freely available and memories still fresh. This account is crisply written in a calm and highly readable fashion. There are the usual plethora of misprints and avoidable editorial errors. What book published today is without them? There are also a few grammatical usages that might just be evidence of the advance of a living language, but which will look a little like lapses to some of the more conservative readers. It is a book which they, perhaps above many others, should read all the same.

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Passion of writer as wife and lover

Enid Bagnold was beautiful, vivid, and attractive in youth - attracting mentors (such as Frank Harris, her first lover) and Prince Antoine Bibesco (also a lover), who both taught and encouraged her to write.

Brought up in a military family, going to war as a VAD (her Diary without Dates was a literary sensation), she led a mildly Bohemian London life, studying art with Sickert, and looking for a career - finding it, at the age of 30, in marriage to Sir Roderick Jones, head of Reuters. Four children, houses in London and Rottingdean, servants and horses, went with a demanding social life as Lady Jones. Sir Roderick, a terrifying martinet in the office, required perfection at home. Like her friend Diana Cooper, Enid Bagnold considered his affairs with younger women to have no relevance to their marriage, and their long lasting love. More interested in romance than sex, she fell in love quite often - even into old age.

Philippa Toomey

ENID BAGNOLD By Anne Sebba Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15.95

She continued to write novels, and then plays, about an aristocratic world, and the old-time unfashionable subjects in the 60s, and after. Anne Sebba has been able to consult the Reuter archives, which contained many of the private papers. She indicates, tactfully, that the idiosyncratic autobiography is an artistic version of more prosaic and painful truths. This readable and lively biography reveals a passionate woman, who was painfully aware of the difficulties of living as writer, and as a wife and mother - roles she played, but never to her satisfaction. National Velvet and The Chalk Garden are minor classics. The Squire is to be republished soon. Enid Bagnold may yet become a cult figure, and as successful as she longed to be.

This book is advertised as "an scerbic look at the reality of monarchy", aimed to restore the balance, "because sycophancy and awed reverence are the stock-in-trade of almost all who discuss the British monarchy." We are warned therefore that the author is likely to be hostile and probably rude. He does not disappoint. Early on he declares his intention to give straight answers to the following questions: Can Britain become a progressive state with a secretive hereditary monarchy at its heart? Is the Royal Family a symbol of unity? What lessons can be learnt from the monarchy's "often lurid past"? Should there be changes? Beginning with George III, and carrying the historical narrative up to the present day, Mr Brendon examines each king's failure. Zealously he reveals all the faults, while only occasionally and most grudgingly admitting a virtue. For example he says of George IV that he "continued to lavish fantastic sums on clothes and building (including the bogus Gothic embellishments to Windsor Castle)" - hardly a fair assessment of George IV's contribution to our architectural heritage. Mr Brendon has a curious habit of knocking one king down; then, when he turns on his successor, he uses the former king as another weapon, suddenly a paragon of virtue. As such he is rather like a school bully, gathering his team around him to victimize each of the gang in turn.

Speaking of Lord Altrincham's assault on the monarchy, Mr Brendon writes: "Actually Altrincham's criticisms did the monarchy a signal service, just as he intended." Does Mr Brendon intend his criticisms to boost the system? I think not, for he concludes that he would like an elected President, "a figure-head whose duties are almost entirely ornamental, though he may have well-defined and extremely limited functions as a political longstop." He would like a written constitution, which would apparently "help to eliminate hidden, hereditary influence from politics as being incompatible with democratic principles." The Lords would be elected. Oh, and if the President failed to argue a political case effect-

Pest of royalty

Hugo Vickers

OUR OWN DEAR QUEEN By Piers Brendon Secker & Warburg, £9.95

ively he "might be replaced by a better candidate." Finally we are told: "As a republic Britain could experience a renaissance. At the very least she would purge herself of the archaic influences which today corrupt her character, deform her society, and retard her progress." Mr Brendon does not want "a bloody

revolution." He hopes his pipe dream of a republic will arrive "without social damage." I wish I had confined myself to the opening chapter of this book and its conclusion, without ploughing through all the one-sided arguments against our kings. Mr Brendon had decided from the start that they could do no right. Therefore to read his book is rather like taking a train journey with a malicious person, who pours scorn on everything discussed. I admit that he was unlikely to convince me of the advantages of a republic, but his case is constantly weakened by the combination of bias and gratuitous unpleasantness. I am not even convinced that in Mr Brendon we have a burning republican. The Queen did not reward Eden's Suez efforts with the Garter. He received it two years before, in 1954.

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BOOKS

THE ROYAL BEASTS AND OTHER WORKS

There is no reason why academics should not also be what is popularly known as "creative" writers.

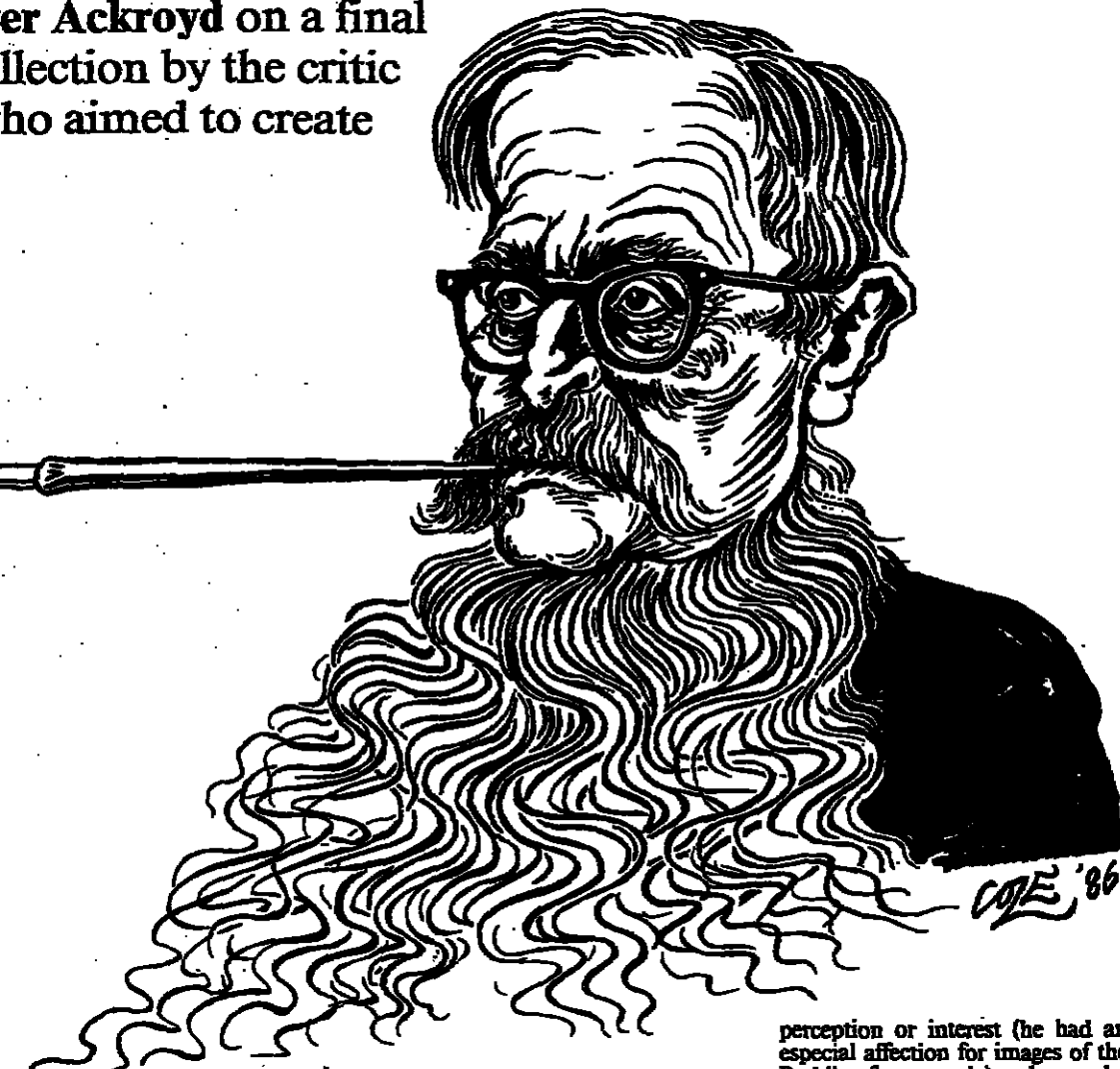
By all accounts Empson was a clever, spirited, and quick-witted young man; such people flourish in university conditions.

rationicative complexity of the born critic manifesting itself. As a result much of his early work now seems jejune and somewhat flat.

And was it also malign fate which sent him to the Far East? Certainly it is yet another graveyard for the incipient English writer.

Too smart for Art

Peter Ackroyd on a final collection by the critic who aimed to create



fiction. You run the risk of giving the reader a terrible headache. The same problem besets the last piece here, "The Elephant and the Birds".

writer distinguished both by the subtlety and by the rigour of his intelligence.

But he was not an artist. He was moved or excited primarily by ideas, where his more creative contemporaries merely exploited them.

perception or interest (he had an especial affection for images of the Buddha, for example) and never let it rest. But this is the enthusiasm of the analyst, or the collector, rather than of the artist.

The poet as a sacred monster

NOVEL of the week

Victoria Glendinning LIFE IS ELSEWHERE By Milan Kundera

We keep being given hors d'oeuvres for pudding. When the British reading public has developed a taste for the major works of a foreign author, it is then fed with the minor or early ones.

Life is Elsewhere is the story from birth to his death at 20 of Jaromil, a boy growing up in post-war Prague.

"The poet's mother" is a key figure. Disappointed in her longing for "a great love", she transfers her infatuated devotion to the little boy.

Jaromil's poetry is not necessarily bad, but it is self-serving. The lyric poet "squeezes his heart with the same detachment as a housewife squeezing a lemon over her salad."

cause, joins the Party, his immature abolitionism finds its natural home. Political slogans intoxicate him as much as his private poetic attitudinizing.

"The banister and the poet", says Kundera, are equally implicated in making political totalitarianism possible. The budding poet and his adoring mother create a lampoon of revolutionary romanticism that treats lyric poetry as a species of adolescent neurosis.

The banister and the everyday trap Jaromil too. He achieves the statutory early death of the romantic hero - by catching a cold.

All things considered, I would rather have Dannie Abse take my blood pressure than, say, John Keats. Abse, like Keats, had a medical training.

Not wishing to pronounce the taboo word I used to write, "Acid-fast organisms". Earlier physicians noted with a quill, "The animalcules generate their own kind and kill."

With its mixture of the high and the low, the lyrical and the conversational, as well as for the hard-won but never obtrusive

Healing disease of verse

POETRY Robert Nye

skill with which it mixes the two modes, this is thoroughly typical of the work in Abse's latest collection Ask the Bloody Horse.

Beneath a fabricated and clever surface the poems in Anthony Howell's Why I May Never See the Walls of China

feelings through a splendidly literate quizzing-glass of wit. Howell's insistence on poetry as a game with rules can be liberating and inspiring only when set beside the antics of some of his contemporaries.

Now this might seem a curious way of reading a poet who has been praised (and rightly so) for his powers of abstraction, of being (as he says himself) one of those talented moderns/Who begin from nothing.

Among reptilian roots, Between the great reptiles of locusts Clinging to pine trunks, She enters the imagination of the Old Masters.

Life is so strange in South America that there are those who say Gabriel Garcia Marquez, its greatest writer, has invented nothing; that he has merely toddled out into the streets with his tape-recorder and turned it on.

By way of illustration, such harpies could brandish with profit The Story of a Shipwrecked Sailor. It was with this short "journalistic reconstruction", written in Dickensian instalments nearly thirty years ago, that Marquez made his name as a journalist.

It is the tale told not by a shipwrecked sailor, but by one who in February 1955 fell overboard a Colombian destroyer. Surviving ten days without food and water, Velasco scrambled ashore in

The scoop that was stranger almost than the later fiction

FICTION

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE STORY OF A SHIPWRECKED SAILOR

By Gabriel Garcia Marquez Cape, £8.95

THE GLASS HOUSE

By Monique Charlesworth Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

CAN'T BUY ME LOVE

By Michael Estorick Duckworth, £9.95

his own country where, kissed by beauty queens and decorated by the military dictatorship, he was made into a brief hero. Deliberately, and as Marquez puts it, courageously dynamiting his own statue, Velasco then sought the author to narrate the true story.

Buffeted by sharks, so tortured with thirst that even the thought of gull's blood makes him salivate, Velasco drifts under the metallic sun, vacillating between hope and despair, between open-eyed clarity of vision and the wider eyes of barking madness.

the destroyer that abandoned it, corrupted by foreign and contraband freight, might be seen as Colombia. While the fiction/journalism is worth reading, like everything this man writes, it is a pity that we do not also have as an afterword the critical study of Mario Vargas Llosa, whose work on Marquez remains sadly untranslated.

of the frictions in a close Jewish family.

Most convincing is the portrait of the unpleasantly selfish central character, Simon. He has the money and the time to be self-obsessed. Less fascinated in finishing his thesis than in our class system, he alternates between the desire to belong - i.e. to be an English gentleman - and the taking of pride in what he imagines prevents him - i.e. his Jewish ancestry.

End of '77, by Richard Sheridan (Chatto & Windus, £9.95). Sheridan shows himself to be streetwise in his first novel, set in druggy, punk-rock Chelsea; but he portrays a street one does not care to amble down. His characters range from a National Front brute to a female DJ on the snuff for a child. Much else is snuffed and snorted beside, with the result that End of '77 smacks of a man on a bad trip. Sheridan's narrative strands drift like separate columns of acrid smoke until they disappear altogether. Looking about for the main character to interpret them, one finds him keeled over, sloppy with Special Brew - and snoring.

THE FASCINATING STORY OF THE RISE, FALL AND SURVIVAL OF THE MAHARAJAHS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJAHS OF INDIA Despite the smashing of their thrones in 1970, India's once-legendary Maharajahs still survive. Ann Morrow, author of The Queen and The Queen Mother, brilliantly captures the lustre of their heritage in this penetrating, amusing study of a quirky survival from India's past.

Paperback reviews of A Forgotten History of the CIA, A.S. Byatt, Alice Thomas Ellis, Dr Burney, Yourcenar SATURDAY This map, drawn by the French engineer Charles Joseph Minard in 1869, portrays the losses suffered by Napoleon's army in the Russian campaign of 1812. Beginning at the left on the Polish-Russian border near the Niemen, the thick band shows the size of the army (422,000 men) as it invaded Russia. The width of the band indicates the size of the army at each position. In September, the army reached Moscow with 100,000 men. The path of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow in the bitterly cold winter is depicted by the dark lower band, which is tied to a temperature scale. The remains of the Grande Armee struggled out of Russia with only 10,000 men. Minard displayed six dimensions of data on the two-dimensional surface of the paper.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Golden silence

Jim Callaghan, who has decided not to stand again at the next election, already seems to be rehearsing for retirement with an uncharacteristic reticence about Labour Party policy.

Publicists John Wiley and Sons have just sent out invitations to a buffet lunch at the Cheddar Cheese in Fleet Street to launch a new book.

Stock answer

Aware of the potential of public humiliation, judges in Oregon are now asking criminals to publicize their contribution in newspaper advertisements.

Chiffoning out

Will the Princess of Wales be committing a sartorial gaffe when she gets to Saudi Arabia? The kingdom operates a strict ban on goods made or sold by Jews and Jewish firms.

I learn that the goalkeeper of Bordeaux Town football club is named Dropsy.

Senior service

Professor Heinz Wolff of Brunel University, compere of television's Great Egg Race, diverted an audience at the Aggie 80s conference at the Cafe Royal in London yesterday with a few thoughts on how we should look after our ever-growing number of pensioners.



It's good to see one member of the family being decisive about 1987

Rara avis

The British Trust for Ornithology has supplied unusually detailed biographical notes about speakers at its forthcoming conference.

Excessive

Charlotte Bathurst of Cirencester writes to tell me of another airborne sighting of the extraordinary Joan Rivers (PFS Nov 10).

There were no surprises in yesterday's Queen's Speech, and that is how the government would like it to stay.

There was no mention, for example, of the plan to privatize the water authorities.

There is no wish this year to stir up the pressure groups. Even the planned new bill on copyright law, involving the controversial levy on blank tapes, has been dropped.

Boat rocking radicalism is also out of fashion. The ideologues have been shoved unceremoniously back into the shadows in the name of consolidation.

Above all it is a Queen's Speech designed to ensure an untroubled

Robin Oakley, Political Editor, analyses yesterday's Speech from the Throne

A programme with both eyes on an election

parliamentary session which will leave the government looking in control of events. Ministers do not believe that the Conservative recovery in the opinion polls owes everything to the Alliance oath on defence.

The Criminal Evidence Bill leads the list of 19 bills. It is, of course, just the right time to re-establish the Tory credentials as the law and order party after Labour's sustained assault on the crime figures had begun to reflect in the polls.

And with its provisions allowing children to give evidence in sex and assault cases by direct

video link it reflects the growing public concern about the increase in crime against children.

John Patten, the Housing Minister, gets the chance to demonstrate the switch in emphasis from the rights of tenants to those of owners to those of tenants with a bill to improve protection for blocks of flats.

The rest of the programme will be dominated by local government legislation and by education. The long promised reform of domestic rates will start with a bill to abolish rates in Scotland, replacing them with a community charge payable by all over 18.

James Eberle on the urgent need for an international commitment

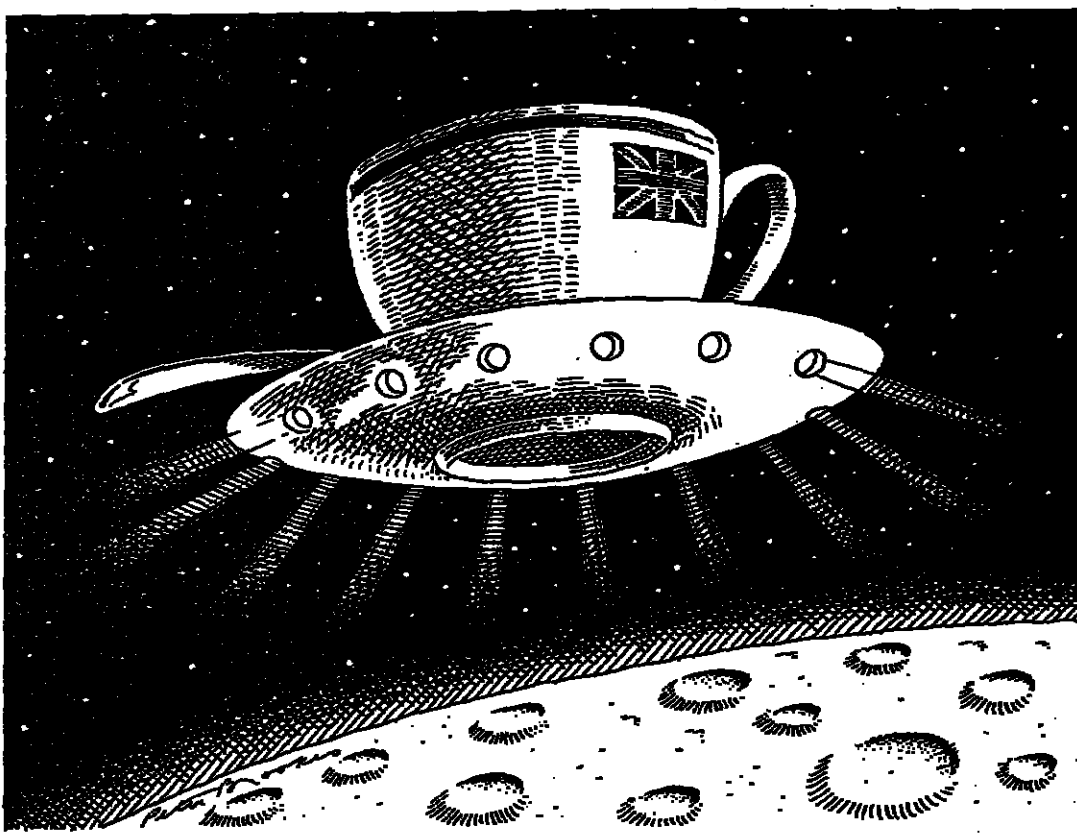
Who shall we join for a sure place in space?

Government ministers will shortly be asked to consider the future shape of the British space programme. That future is not simply a matter of what makes sense for Britain.

For these reasons, the Royal Institute of International Affairs is currently undertaking an investigation of the international dimension to British space policy.

What, then, are the factors which British ministers should take into account in reaching their decision? Our European friends say that we, the British, need to take an imaginative leap forward.

No individual European country has the resources or the capacity to keep up in the space race. Only through collective effort has Western Europe a chance of making a significant impact.



active space policy is a necessary attribute of a country or group of countries which aspires to serious international influence.

The difficulty is that this is not the way in which space policy has been viewed, typically and historically, in Britain. Space activities have been seen as the purview of the military superpowers.

Decisions have often depended on narrow and short-term "on balance" arguments. Thus we have avoided a choice of whether to "get into" space or to "get out of" space by continuing to dabble in the space business without showing any significant government commitment to it.

If Britain continues in this over-cautious vein, our European friends tell us, we risk becoming the "also rans" users of space technology, not producers, with

little influence in determining future patterns of international collaboration, and dependent on the priorities of our partners, both in Europe and across the Atlantic.

In January this year, the government took a small but most welcome step forward in establishing the British National Space Centre to provide a focus for co-ordinating British space activities.

The aims were to ensure both that the civil space activities are looked at in the round and - crucially - their integration with the needs of the military space programme. We also need to review the balance between our national space effort and our international commitments.

We need to be clear that the future of the British space programme now rests on a strategic choice. It is a strategic choice with major implications both military and civilian. The pace of technical change will not readily allow us to

of the border and say that the process has begun.

It falls to Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, to maintain the Tory themes of taking excessive politics out of local government and providing better value for money for ratepayers.

Some senior Tories believe that a good parliamentary performance by Ridley between now and the next election could win him the Chancellor's post in the next parliament.

The Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, will steer the Criminal Justice Bill through the Commons with David Mellor, the Home Office Minister, playing a major role. Given such an opportunity, Mellor could talk his way into the Cabinet in the next parliament.

Ronald Butt No boost - just urgent repairs

There is much that the public does not like about the government's performance. Most of Mrs Thatcher's supporters had supposed that once the worst of the inflationary threat to social stability had been overcome there would be a return to better standards generally, and that the shortcomings in the essential (all important) public services would be repaired.

Yet the responses to questions about voting intentions leave no doubt that the priority for most people is that Labour should not get in. The Conservatives have drawn at least level with Labour and are if anything slightly ahead; the Alliance has lost support, at least partly because of many people's reluctance to cast votes which might help Labour.

It is in this context that we should consider Nigel Lawson's autumn announcement of public spending increases of some £4.5 billion for 1987/88 and £5.5 billion in the following year. This could have begun a process of reassurance about the quality of essential public services.

This does not stand up to logical analysis. First, if the Treasury's forecasts are correct (and the recent record suggests they are) there will be no increase in public sector borrowing over the £7 billion target.

Secondly, even if boosting the economy with an election-winning consumer boom were the object of the exercise, this particular Chancellor or Prime Minister would do it not through public spending but by cutting the standard rate of tax to 25 per cent.

Besides, the expected 3 per cent growth rate is not principally

hinged on a consumer boom. It is a result principally of the improvement in exports and manufacturing. Consumption is expected to continue at about present levels; if anything, the Treasury thinks, it may even be a little less.

The reason for these increases is, of course, the obvious one that certain public services imperatively need the money to overcome their immediate difficulties. It is needed for education (to sort out that sorry scene at last before the public loses patience), for health and for social security priorities.

But it may be said that improving the public services is also electioneering, and of course it does reflect the government's democratic response to what people want (which is that public services should not suffer further, even for tax cuts). But in the crudest sense it cannot buy votes. People do not vote on the announcement of abstract expenditure figures. They may vote on the condition of schools or hospital wards, but it will take time for the figures to affect these. The government's problem is that it has allowed a false image of its actions to be created. It has been supposed that it has been cutting public spending in real terms over years. But it hasn't. Now it is supposed that it is expanding spending when what is actually happening is that it is increasing spending less fast.

All this, however, points to the problem which the Conservatives must clearly undertake to solve. Public service increases of the kind we have seen this week are simply short-term measures to stop further deterioration. The fact that essential services are seen as having deteriorated over the years in which the government has actually failed to cut spending overall only means that public money is spread too thinly over the inessential and the wasteful as well as the vital. The structure of welfare spending remains a hotchpotch of the good, the bad, the necessary and the ridiculous, all bundled up together in a total which the nation can only afford if the essential services are deprived of money to pay for those that are inessential.

The Tories' clear criterion for the next parliament should be that the state should only do what is necessary, but that what it does should be done well, and should be well financed. However, that finance is raised. This government's greatest failure is that it has not tackled the structure of the welfare state and has produced no new priorities. Until it does, the public will never be satisfied with what the state delivers and governments will always be pressed dangerously to spend more or accused of starving good causes. If the state decides it must perform a function, it must perform it well.

moreover... Miles Kingston

And every car an espresso

During a weekend visit to Rome I noticed something not mentioned in the guide books. In the ancient part of the city there is a long, thin grassy space called the Circus Maximus where the chariot racing used to take place.

In other words, I spent the weekend watching the Roman traffic go by. That is not what I went there for, nor is it what anyone goes there for, but it is what we all end up doing. Not so much simply to stay alive, though that is part of it, but because it is so very exciting, because in the hands of the Italians driving becomes a daring art of improvisation, instant reactions and getting through gaps that most people would not dare to attempt.

For Britons driving is a dull duty, for the Italians it is an adventure. If you venture on to a British pedestrian crossing cars will either stop politely or knock you over, unseeing, and on a French crossing you get the feeling that the drivers are out to kill you; but on an Italian crossing your impression is that the drivers aim to miss you by as little as possible, like a torero with a bull.

This presumably explains why Roman cars have far fewer wing mirrors than ours do. My private poll reveals that 95 per cent of British vehicles still have wing mirrors; in Rome, the figure is about 50 per cent. And when they park, they tend to fold their wing mirrors neatly against the side of the car, knowing that otherwise they may not be there when they come back. They also prefer serials with springs at the base, so that the aerial will spring back into position after hitting something - I saw a police car in the Campo dei Fiori drive under a large parasol and let this happen.

Italian drivers take their driving more seriously than we do, but their cars less seriously. Above all, they do not observe such a hard and fast distinction between cars and people as we do. For an Italian driver, a pedestrian is just another form of traffic, a threat and a rival

but also a fellow artist. When the crowds are out for their evening stroll along the Via del Corso, there sometimes comes a full in the traffic, a space without cars, and then the crowds sweep out into the street and take it over. The next driver to arrive is not surprised to find them there. He simply starts the patient job of colouring the road for traffic again.

In London pedestrians are expected to keep to the pavement. In Rome this is out of the question, because the pavements are already covered with parked cars, so the people go on the street and the cars go on the pavement - indeed, in many Roman streets there is no distinction whatever between roadway and pavement, and none exists in the drivers' minds either.

One of the small pleasures of a weekend in Rome is sitting at a pavement cafe by the Pantheon, on Sunday evening, and watching what seems to be a slow traffic jam roll by. When you see the same cars come past for the second or third time, you suddenly realize it's not a jam at all, it's an evening parade.

The drivers and passengers are eyeing you, and you are eyeing them, and you are simultaneously audience and performer, and if you are a couple of girls in the cafe, and the drivers like the look of you, the occupants of the car will magically appear in the cafe two minutes later. Driving in Rome is also an evening stroll carried on by other means.

All roads lead to Rome, they say, but all roads in Rome seem to lead nowhere, which is why I suppose there is serious talk of banning traffic from the inner city. As someone who dislikes cars, I should applaud that, yet I find it much harder to dislike cars in Rome. Just before I left on Monday I watched a man trying to get his car into a space which was actually shorter than the car. He managed to get it in diagonally. At that point a British driver would drive off to look for another space. The Roman jacked out and left the car parked diagonally, disdainfully. That's style for you.

Peter Evans on the tensions that can lead to Peterhead-style hostage taking

When the prison system fails

who had banded together for protection.

These groupings show the nature of the forces with which officers have to cope. Tribal groupings, for instance, have sometimes played a part in riots as prisoners herded together to share out contraband or to defend themselves against a higher proportion of hard men than the prison service has ever before had to cope with.

Prison officers, faced with intransigence, tend to withdraw from close contact. They cannot then sensitively gauge the institutional mood. It is easy enough to sense trouble if there are more petty annoyances. But there are other subtler signs - the tone of voice, uncharacteristic brusqueness, avoidance of contact - which escape notice.

The trouble is that staff putting themselves in close contact with prisoners may think themselves at risk, particularly in some of the more modern prisons which do

not provide the kind of oversight of the Victorian prisons. And the risk is not only to staff. Inmates were taken hostage in eight of the 11 incidents of last year (the other three involved staff, a patient in an outside hospital and, in one case, the perpetrator's visitors).

Dr Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, finds it significant that all maximum security prisons in England and Wales except for Frankland, near Durham, which was recently completed, and Long Lartin, near Evesham, have had riots. Long Lartin provides a clue, its regime is said to be more relaxed than most with a closer relationship between prisoners and staff and with more for inmates to do.

The object of the hostage taking or riot may be to draw attention to some grievance, apparently petty when seen from the outside world. But inside prisons small issues are magnified. Publicity can also be a stimulus. The newly appointed governor of Wymott Prison, Barry Coombs, believes that the four hours of trouble at Wymott prison in May blew up after the 10 pm news which reported incidents at other prisons. Inmates hearing the

bulletin decided to stage their own riot.

What should be done when hostages are taken? Much depends on the nature of the hostage-taker. If he is deranged, a frontal attack using CS gas may be the only hope. If he is not, then the lessons learnt from sieges round the world and compiled for use in this country can be applied. Generally, the authorities lower the temperature by quiet talk and displays of understanding. The hostage and the hostage-taker may, by the signing out of time, develop such a bond that danger is reduced.

Once the crisis is over, a peculiar problem arises. What punishment can be imposed upon people who, after all, are already in prison? According to the Home Office yesterday, prisoners could be charged in the courts if the alleged offence was serious. That would be a matter for the police. In January 1984, for example, a remand prisoner who went berserk in Wornwood Scrubs and held an assistant governor at razor point for four hours was jailed at the Old Bailey for two years.

Otherwise, for serious disciplinary offences within prisons, the Board of Visitors could order forfeiture of privileges; exclusion from associated work not exceeding 56 days; stoppage of earnings not exceeding 56 days; confinement to cells not exceeding 56 days; and forfeiture of remission not exceeding 180 days. These may not seem draconian, but they make the monotony of prison life still more unpalatable.

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ULSTER ONE YEAR LATER

The Anglo-Irish Agreement, signed by Britain and the Republic of Ireland at Hillsborough a year ago this week, is besieged from all sides. It is assailed both for the theory enshrined in the document and for the practice of the last twelve months.

This assault, which will reach its peak this weekend, has scared some politicians into backing away from the agreement altogether. Mr Charles Haughey, odds-on favourite to be Irish Prime Minister by this time next year, has renewed his threat to change (and, in the process, to destroy) the agreement. The British Labour Party has recently begun to sound lukewarm. The British Cabinet, which never showed much inclination towards a collective defence of its Northern Ireland policy, has left Mr Tom King and his team to battle on alone.

True, a number of serious charges can be levelled against the agreement. It is a document intended, in the long term, to promote peace and stability, yet it has resulted in increased tension and violence in the short term. The devolution of administrative powers to a provincial government involving both communities is now a sufficiently remote prospect that it is rarely mentioned by any of the ministers responsible for implementing the agreement.

Far from concentrating the mind of unionism on the future, the agreement has both driven unionist politicians to a defensive recitation of traditional pieties and plunged them into ever greater chaos and internal disagreement. The declarations on the constitutional security of Northern Ireland in the document have failed to persuade, particularly in the light of the continuing claim to Northern Ireland in the constitution of the Republic. And widespread resentment remains over the imposition of the agreement

without prior consultation with unionist representatives.

Lastly, the critics allege, it has not led to any great improvement in the electoral performance of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the principal political beneficiaries of the agreement inside Northern Ireland. Aside from gaining a parliamentary seat in the January by-elections, its by-election performance against the Provisional IRA's Sinn Fein has been no stronger than before. Moreover, the SDLP inside its own community has concentrated on its impatience with the pace of reform while it has presented a triumphal and sectarian face to its opponents.

All these criticisms have considerable force. But they also neglect some important Ulster realities. In the heat and noise of political debate about the future of Northern Ireland, a simple fact which confronts any British government is frequently overlooked. An armed conspiracy with no democratic mandate whatsoever aims to expel British government from the province. It is the foremost responsibility of any government to defeat this threat.

That cannot be achieved without the help of governments in the Republic which will not be given without some concessions to the southern concern for the Roman Catholic minority in the north. It is not easy for governments to admit as much in these stark terms, but convincing other countries to catch and imprison more terrorists can only be done by persuasion, and when that is exhausted, by leverage. The Anglo-Irish Agreement is that leverage.

That the agreement was flawed is not in doubt. It does not follow that it should be dismantled or even suspended. To do so would be to hand the Provisional IRA one of the most eloquent symbols of the British government's impotence they could have de-

sired. Unionists (who would also rejoice at this impotence) refuse to confront this glaring defect in their talk of suspending or bringing down the agreement. Constancy in this is not a matter of government machismo, but an integral part of the fight against terrorism.

But the government should not rule out reasonable political concessions to reasonable criticism. It should, for instance, try to separate the question of the internal government of the province as far as possible from reassurance about its constitutional future. One of the gaps in the agreement has been the absence of any pressure on the parties in the Republic to alter the claim to the north written into Articles Two and Three of the constitution. This claim is incompatible with the spirit, if not the letter, of the agreement. It might help to assuage unionist fears, therefore, if the government were to consider reconstituting the border poll (asking residents of Northern Ireland whether they wish to continue inside the United Kingdom).

Above all, Ministers could and should try to avoid the impression that the institutions set up by the agreement are a closed and self-contained system. While negotiations with unionist leaders seem unlikely to take place in the foreseeable future, the government should make clear what could be on offer: greater scrutiny of Westminster legislation, additional ministerial posts or deliberative bodies.

In time it might be necessary for the government to go over the heads of political leaders to constituents. They may be more ready than their leaders to accept that the agreement does not threaten their interests. The present danger is that if the mechanisms of the agreement shrink any further, they will live on as nothing more than an intergovernmental committee on security cooperation.

AND TOXIC FLOWS THE RHINE

The death by pollution of one of Europe's major waterways, however temporary it proves to be, is a cause for deep concern. The contamination of the Rhine will cost the countries through which it flows large sums of money. It will set back by many years a largely successful operation to clean up the Rhine. According to some, a decade of work has been reduced to nothing.

Not only was the accident at the Basle chemical plant not prevented, despite safety standards which are (if they are enforced) acknowledged to be among the most stringent in the world. The Swiss authorities also failed to acknowledge or inform other Rhineland countries of the risks until the appearance of dead fish in the water brought the accident to their notice.

Switzerland holds a unique position in the continent of Europe. Its political neutrality and its exemption from many of the regulations which govern relations between European states have benefits which extend beyond Switzerland. They make Switzerland an acceptable venue for delicate diplomacy. They facilitate international exchanges which would otherwise not be possible.

They have also made Switzerland rich.

At the same time, its geographical position in the heart of Europe obliges it to observe certain standards and the wealth it derives from its international status provides it with the means to observe them. Last week's chemical accident which now threatens the pollution not only of the Rhine, but of parts of the North Sea as well, and the initially cavalier presentation of it by the Swiss authorities suggests that they may not be sufficiently careful of their position.

Switzerland has a reputation as one of the cleanest and most orderly countries in the world, and it has jealously guarded this reputation. For some years it has registered complaints with its neighbours about the potential damage of air pollution from their heavy industry and sought reciprocal agreements. Now Switzerland finds itself in the dock.

It is, of course, difficult for a democracy which distributes many decisions to private enterprise to ensure that all the rules and regulations, even where they relate to safety of people and the environment,

are observed all the time by everyone. It must be the responsibility of the individual company to ensure that the relevant authorities are informed of any serious accident expeditiously, so that those affected can take the necessary measures in time.

On this occasion, it appears that either the plant or the Swiss authorities, or both, were remiss in their conduct after the accident. Yesterday's offer by the Swiss government to provide compensation to the countries affected and its pledge to tighten its existing regulations governing chemical plants go some way to make amends. And whether information about the pollution would have been supplied more quickly if Switzerland had been a signatory to existing European agreements on environmental matters must be a moot point. But a written commitment might at least have clarified Switzerland's obligations.

As the Chernobyl disaster showed, the environmental effects of accidents respect no frontiers. And in ecological terms, if not politically, Switzerland is part of Europe. It would do no harm to have that recognition in writing.

CENTRES OF DEVELOPMENT

Regional policy — once an anathema to Mrs Thatcher's government — now has a new lease of life. It is different life than before. With the right local and national will, it may also be a more active one.

There is no return to the belief that Britain's decaying industrial areas can usefully be restored by palliative subsidies. There is instead a growing acceptance that concentrated action is needed to sweep away specific areas of dereliction and to help recreate centres capable of generating their own expansion. The process of conversion is as proper a use of public money as unending subsidy to prop up failure is a waste.

Centrally run development programmes are, indeed, a notable feature of economies famed for unfettered private enterprise such as Hong Kong, and to some extent Singapore. Their governments spend a large proportion of small budgets reclaiming land, building roads or docks and installing communications systems. They use their powers of land ownership in order to create attractive environments.

A change of thinking, and not simply an awareness of the wasting disease of inner city decay, lies behind the Government's enthusiasm for urban development corporations.

The Queen's speech yesterday confirmed the announcement by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary at the Conservative Party conference that four new urban development boards in the North and Midlands are to be added to the existing London Docklands and Merseyside boards.

The two original boards, with powers to buy land, improve it then let it to developers who can avoid red tape, were partly a response to the laggard arguments within and between overlapping local authorities. This often seemed to prevent action even when all agreed it was needed.

Three of the four new boards are within areas of previous metropolitan counties. Quangos appointed by central government might seem inferior to local organization of local effort, but local government failed in the cities whereas the new town corpora-

tions, on which the urban corporations are chiefly modelled, succeeded by having a simple achievable brief.

Success in the cities is by no means guaranteed. London Docklands, an area of dereliction near the centre of a vital expanding city, has already gained an unstoppable momentum. Some £275 million of government grants has long been overtaken by £1.1 billion of commitments by private developers on Development Board land.

Merseyside is a different story. Mr Michael Heseltine's efforts in Liverpool have made Merseyside a more attractive place for industry. But the £128 million of grants to the Merseyside Board have yet to stimulate anything like the response from private developers seen in London's docklands.

The new boards will have to operate under conditions much closer to Merseyside than to those of the London's docklands. But the prospects for the newly defined areas — and the areas around them — is undoubtedly improved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alternative view of Nott's seascape

From Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Cecil

Sir, John Nott's curious and dogmatic article on defence strategy (November 6) makes a number of assertions which are stark in their misinterpretation of maritime affairs. This is unfortunate for a trading island nation dependent for more than 90 per cent of its essential imports and exports on the free use of the sea. To balance the perspective, here is an alternative view.

Perhaps the most surprising part of the article is its vicious and unsubstantiated attack on the Navy. It is, of course, true that the strategic imperatives of 1986 point in much the same direction as those of 1981. What is not true is that these bear any relation to the more extravagant absurdities of the Defence Review in the latter year.

Had it not been for the Falklands War, which demonstrated publicly much of what the professionals had been advising but which Sir John did not want to hear, we would today have an emasculated Fleet on a steep slope to obsolescence. What a pity it took a short sharp war, with all its loss of life, to get the message through.

To contend that we cannot afford operational carriers and to castigate task forces (which, of course, comprise air and ground force elements as appropriate) is to display a degree of professional ignorance astonishing in an ex-Defence Secretary.

On the former, previous holders of the post (of both main political parties) agreed that the concept of two ASW (anti-submarine warfare) carriers operational, with a third in refit, was the most cost-effective method of achieving the

required level of anti-submarine defence. A task force is merely a grouping of relevant capabilities to provide mutual support. It is a concept proved in peace and war and adopted by every sizeable navy in the world.

I have no nostalgia for empire, but I am alert to the need for responsible interpretation of that article of the North Atlantic Treaty which limits the Nato area to the Tropic of Cancer in the context of "an attack on one is an attack on all". Potential enemies vigorously exert their influence outside this arbitrary line. If we over-indulge in short-term conveniences and fail to pull our weight in exerting ours we shall wake up one day to a communist world. The United States cannot and will not do it all.

I am grateful to Sir John for his generous tribute to my contribution to the Falklands War. But it might have been more relevant if he had instanced the positive advice on the military feasibility of such an operation, with its attendant risk, which I was able to give the Prime Minister. Suez may have been in the forefront of the minds of her more hesitant advisers; the destruction of Prince of Wales and Repulse for lack of air support off Malaya in 1941 was in the background of mine.

Those who give reasonable thought to the future of our great country which is still great and understood *Animus Ferox* which involves fairly detailed knowledge of the history of the Russian Revolution and of international relations in the 1930s, it would be interesting to know what he thinks the history curriculum should look like in our primary schools.

Yours faithfully, HENRY LEACH, Weston Lodge, Weston, Winchester, Hampshire, November 9.

Staff spending in NHS

From Mr P. F. Plumley

Sir, The content and the tone of the article by Ms Sherman (November 5) is a totally incorrect representation of the influence of doctors and nurses on health service spending.

The senior staff in the health service have been well aware of direct cost of treatment during the whole existence of the NHS, since every penny has to be fought for. This is, however, a small item in the total expenditure of a vast organization.

The pattern of this spending is determined by the administration of the NHS, directed by the minister, and frequently runs counter to the advice given by senior doctors and nurses. The present Administration is trying to make with great difficulty and expense the years of increasing involvement of the health service management in projects not directly related to patient care.

Most of this industrial base has been constructed in the false hope that it would save money. The huge involvement of the NHS in housing has taken place because NHS staff are not well enough paid to compete in the open market and are still in tied houses. Our brand new supplies system is an exercise in wholesaling which is slow and uncostable.

Measure for measure

From Dr John Dutton

Sir, On a recent day off I paid some attention to the garden. In the morning I ordered some plastic for a cold frame. The pieces were 24in by 18in and 4mm thick.

I bought some two-stroke oil. The dilution instructions were in litres, but the garage sold petrol only in gallons.

In the afternoon I mixed some insecticide. The instructions told me to put 5ml in 1/2 pint of water.

In the evening I went to a lecture on obstetrics. The babies could be measured by a scanner — in centimetres. Their mothers could be considered for a home delivery if they were more than 5ft tall (a guide to the size of the pelvis).

I don't mind if, as Professor McGrail suggests (November 8), my calculations are decimalised or metricated; so far they've been decimalised.

Yours sincerely, J. DUTTON, The Stables, Frittenden, Cranbrook, Kent, November 8.

A new addiction

From Professor Antony Allott

Sir, We are deeply and rightly concerned about the new plagues, natural and man-made, which are sweeping the earth — cocaine abuse and Aids are two examples. But the future of this country is menaced by addiction to a drug which has emerged in a new and socially destructive form — extremist party politics. When this was confined to the fringes it was unimportant, now it has affected the major parties.

The similarities, for the addicts, between cocaine abuse and politics are many and striking. In each case the addiction becomes the central focus of their lives; it distorts and colours their perception of reality. The addiction is lethal, with the difference that extremist politics damage non-users as much as users.

This country cannot stand being torn this way and that according as one drug-befuddled group attain power to implement their contradictory policies. The non-addicted majority must take urgent remedial action. So far from rewarding addicts with peerages, we must wean them off their addiction, or at least limit the harm they can do to others.

The NHS is now so complicated that it is almost impossible to find out where money is going and most of the figures which are quoted with such confidence are guesses.

We spend a lot of time managing organizations like laundry, transport, housing and wholesaling while the conditions for patients' care become progressively more difficult. Examination of the minutes of expenditure on patient care is expensive and largely a matter of opinion, though it may have some relevance in hospitals.

In the community there is absolutely no possibility of producing figures, since money is spent by the health service, social services and local authority. Combining these figures has not yet been attempted. All in all these costing exercises are largely magical and are used to give an air of scientific management to an over-complicated organization.

Until the NHS strips itself down to the spare organization that it was before 1974 there is no chance of finding out who is spending what.

Yours sincerely, PETER F. PLUMLEY, Bexhill Hospital, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, November 5.

The poverty gap

From Canon Eric James

Sir, Your Political Correspondent reports (November 10) that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has confirmed his intention to reduce income tax.

The Conservative Party often claims to be concerned with morality.

It has been my privilege to spend much of my time in the urban priority areas of our land in the last three years, working alongside the Archbishop's Commission. There I have often been faced with the human consequences of unemployment — not least, of course, poverty.

It was the corporate and considered judgment of the commission that the nation is confronted by a grave and fundamental injustice in the urban priority areas.

This injustice will be compounded if the Chancellor reduces taxes. Indeed such an action will, to many of us, constitute a flagrant act of immorality.

Yours faithfully, ERIC JAMES, Director, Christian Action, St Peter's House, 308 Kennington Lane, SE11.

Fiat lux

From Mrs Rosemarie Parks

Sir, Mrs S. Gordon (November 8), who laments the use of candles in Italian churches, had an ally in Goethe. After visiting the Sistine Chapel nearly 200 years ago on February 2, 1787, to witness the consecration of the candles, he wrote:

I felt at once uneasy and soon left with my friends. For I thought: these are the very candles which have darkened these glorious paintings for three hundred years. Fiat lux electrical!

Yours faithfully, ROSEMARIE PARKS, Freshfield, Cardinal's Green, Horseheath, Cambridge, November 9.

Reading lesson for Mr Baker

From Mr R. A. Carroll

Sir, While making due allowance that the 55 column inches devoted to Mr Kenneth Baker's Alan Palmer lecture (feature, November 7) were extracts only, it is not surprising that a ministerial plea for more reading and less TV watching should fail to mention libraries of any sort, whether school or public?

Is it not equally surprising that none of the extra millions Mr Lawson proposes should be spent (report, November 7) need result in one more book being purchased?

Neither Mr Baker nor his Cabinet colleagues responsible for local government spending can enforce better provision for books in schools or in the public library sector.

If the head teacher or director of library services (less likely to be a librarian these days) persuades the superior that money should be spent on expensive machinery or equipment at the expense of other items, books included, none shall see them say. Yours faithfully, R. A. CARROLL, Spring Lodge, Church Gate, Gedney, Spalding, Lincolnshire, November 10.

From Mr N. M. Jacobs

Sir, If Kenneth Baker believes a child of 12 should be able to understand *Anna Karenina*, which involves fairly detailed knowledge of the history of the Russian Revolution and of international relations in the 1930s, it would be interesting to know what he thinks the history curriculum should look like in our primary schools.

Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS M. JACOBS, 10 Burghley Road, NW5, November 10.

From Mr P. G. Bunt

Sir, How reassuring to read that the Secretary of State for Education knows that "being old-fashioned is not the same as being wrong". If only he could persuade his inspectors of Education, whose insistence on change has destroyed old-fashioned practices, both good and bad, without discrimination!

Yours etc, P. G. BUNT, 94a Southgate Street, Redruth, Cornwall, November 9.

From Mr B. V. Willsher

Sir, I endorse almost every word of Kenneth Baker's excellent and eloquent article, but surely it was the *gale* that plied the saplings double (Housman's *A Shropshire Lad*)?

I have the honour, Sir, to remain your obedient servant, B. V. WILLISHER, 10 Grove Road, Tring, Hertfordshire, November 7.

Taking advice

From the Chief Executive of Canterbury City Council

Sir, Mr John Butterfill, MP (November 8) advises that the use of external management consultants would assist county (and presumably city) halls to produce further economies. I can assure him that many local authorities do just that — and all make full use of the independent Audit Commission.

This search for economy has helped to keep the rise in overall local government expenditure to only 4.4 per cent since 1980.

As central government expenditure during the same period has increased by a generous 15.1 per cent, may your readers hope to see a similar enthusiasm for economy in Whitehall generated by members of Parliament?

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER GAY, Chief Executive, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent.

Investor protection

From the Secretary-General of the Committee of London and Scottish Bankers

Sir, Mr Shepherd (November 6) suggests that the banks have been seeking special treatment when objecting to the proposals of the Securities and Investments Board on "polarisation". Actually, the main issue is the precise manner in which "polarisation" should apply to groups of companies with independent intermediaries and product companies within a single group. As SIB accepts, it is financial conglomerates in general — not banks in particular — which are a special case.

Nor are the banks seeking exemption from the "best advice" rule. The problem is that SIB has proposed that a bank acting in the capacity of independent adviser should only recommend an in-house product if the product is demonstrably better than anything else on the market.

This is a much harsher condition than "best advice" and one which has no analogue in the rules for securities firms operating in a dual capacity. Anyone who has experience of the life assurance and unit trust market will understand that only in rare circumstances could such a condition be satisfied. The proposals would therefore place bank-owned life assurance and unit trust companies at an unfair disadvantage.

Yours faithfully, K. S. LUCAS, Secretary-General, The Committee of London and Scottish Bankers, 10 Lombard Street, EC3.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 13 1840

Literary criticism was not a conspicuous feature of *The Times* in this period and when reviews appeared they were sometimes inordinately long. Earlier in the year a review of Lord Brougham's translation of *The Oration of Demosthenes upon the Crown was spread over nearly half-a-dozen issues, each instalment nearly filling a page of small type. The reviewer of this book, originally published in 1840 by Colburn in three volumes, may have been Thackeray, who was an occasional contributor until the end of this year when, finding the pay "rather shabby" he stopped for a time.*

LIFE OF A FLIRT

WRITTEN BY HERSELF "Quelques découvertes que l'on ait faites dans le pays de l'amour propre, il y reste encore bien des terres incultes," said Rochefoucauld; and our "Flirt," perceiving the extent of the country, and the profitable discoveries that might be made by an enterprising traveller, has journeyed through it with the most prudent baggage, and the result of her wanderings is the volume before us. The "amour propre" increases its territories under her researches and in many a nook does she find its sovereignty firmly established, though perhaps far from acknowledged. Nor is she a pacific traveller; she aims not merely at discovery but at conquest; and wherever she finds the enemy lurking, in the form of youth or age, she combats him pertinaciously, adapting her weapons to the form in which he presents himself. If the demon "amour propre" possesses a young fascinating lady, who sacrifices a hetecomb [sic] of hearts to her vanity, the answer is found in a rakish, abandoned husband, who cures the evil by nearly breaking the lady's heart in its turn. If "amour propre" bewilders the brain of some chatty miss, whose parents vainly try to drill her into good sense, a rickety horse is the remedy, and gives the young lass a wholesome lesson by a fling over the neck, a score of bruises, and a dislocated thumb. If the fiend hold in his grasp a venerable country gentleman wrapped up in his own unctuous perverseness, and scolding his meek wife and patient servants from the combined causes of gout and emuli, a milder medium than those enumerated is offered, and a journey to Bath, by arousing energies before suffered to lie dormant, effects the wished-for cure. Hopeless cases are killed off out of hand.

It is indeed against self-love in all its shapes that the *Life of a Flirt* is directed; and the authoress of this very superior novel has, by giving her work the form of an autobiography, rendered it peculiarly conducive to her purpose. Selfishness in "Flirt" is the central manifestation around which the other forms are grouped at unequal distances. The picture she gives of her own mind appears as the result of a painful probing search, and the internal struggles are fearful. We see every kindly feeling sacrificed to the predominant one of vanity, female self-will like a juggernaut crushing all that comes in its way — the better thoughts of its owner, the hopes of her relations, the peace of her friends, and the happiness of her lovers; and yet she has throughout a consciousness of a high moral standard to which she does not even remotely approach. It is not a fashionable novel; the scene merely lies among the inhabitants of a country village, the object of the authoress not being so much to show the "flirt" in the extent of her brilliant achievements, as to exhibit the character itself as it may exist under all circumstances, and dissect a mind where vanity alone holds supremacy. The perpetual consciousness of what she is doing in which she is acting is a perpetual torture; vanity almost assumes the form of a destiny which imperiously demands continual victims, and there is something tragic in the effects which a young lady naturally amiable is obliged to behold, as proceeding from her own ungodly passion.

It is in discerning the ordinary motives of action in a limited sphere that her talent chiefly lies. She does not show an extraordinary knowledge of the world, but rather an acute and careful habit of watching a number of characters, who are never called into very violent action — in short, that knowledge which may be best acquired in a country village coupled with the study of feelings and motives which is only pursued in the act of self-contemplation. An unkind act is, with the authoress, the greatest crime, and a circle of smiling friends mutually obliging each other the *ne plus ultra* of terrestrial felicity.

The style is generally simple, almost to sternness, and the freedom from affectation is remarkable.

Song of praise

From Mr G. J. Wood

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr George Strang (November 5), may be interested to know that the attitude of a landlord to his musical endeavours is not necessarily typical.

Last summer, whilst on holiday with the choir of St Peter's Bournemouth, in the city of St Albans, I chanced into a nearby hostelry with three friends from the choir. After sampling a modest quantity of ale, we felt an impromptu barbershop recital would be appropriate.

Imagine our surprise when the landlord agreed with us, turned off his muzzak, provided us with a microphone and a foaming jug of real ale, free gratis. Yours faithfully, GORDON J. WOOD, 568 Castle Lane West, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Election strategy in Queen's Speech

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Teachers Act, 1965, replacing the Burnham machinery with a new system defining teachers' duties, pay and conditions. It is not clear whether the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker, will graft onto this powers to impose a settlement in the current dispute.

Other measures which will include: ● A Consumer Protection Bill introducing the concept of product liability and allowing compensation for injuries without the complainant needing to prove negligence by the producer.

● A Coal Industry Bill recognizing the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers right to participate in welfare organizations and pension schemes.

● A Petroleum Bill to tackle the new problems of removing disused offshore oil and gas installations.

● A Banking Bill to complete measures to regulate and supervise financial institutions, following the Building Societies Act and Financial Services Act.

● Bills to authorize the building of the Channel Tunnel and another Dartford Tunnel.

In her speech following the State Opening, Mrs Thatcher insisted that it was a full programme of legislation for a session. Public spending would continue to fall as a proportion of national income, borrowing would not be expanded and there were good prospects for growth, exports, investment, low inflation and a more promising outlook for unemployment.

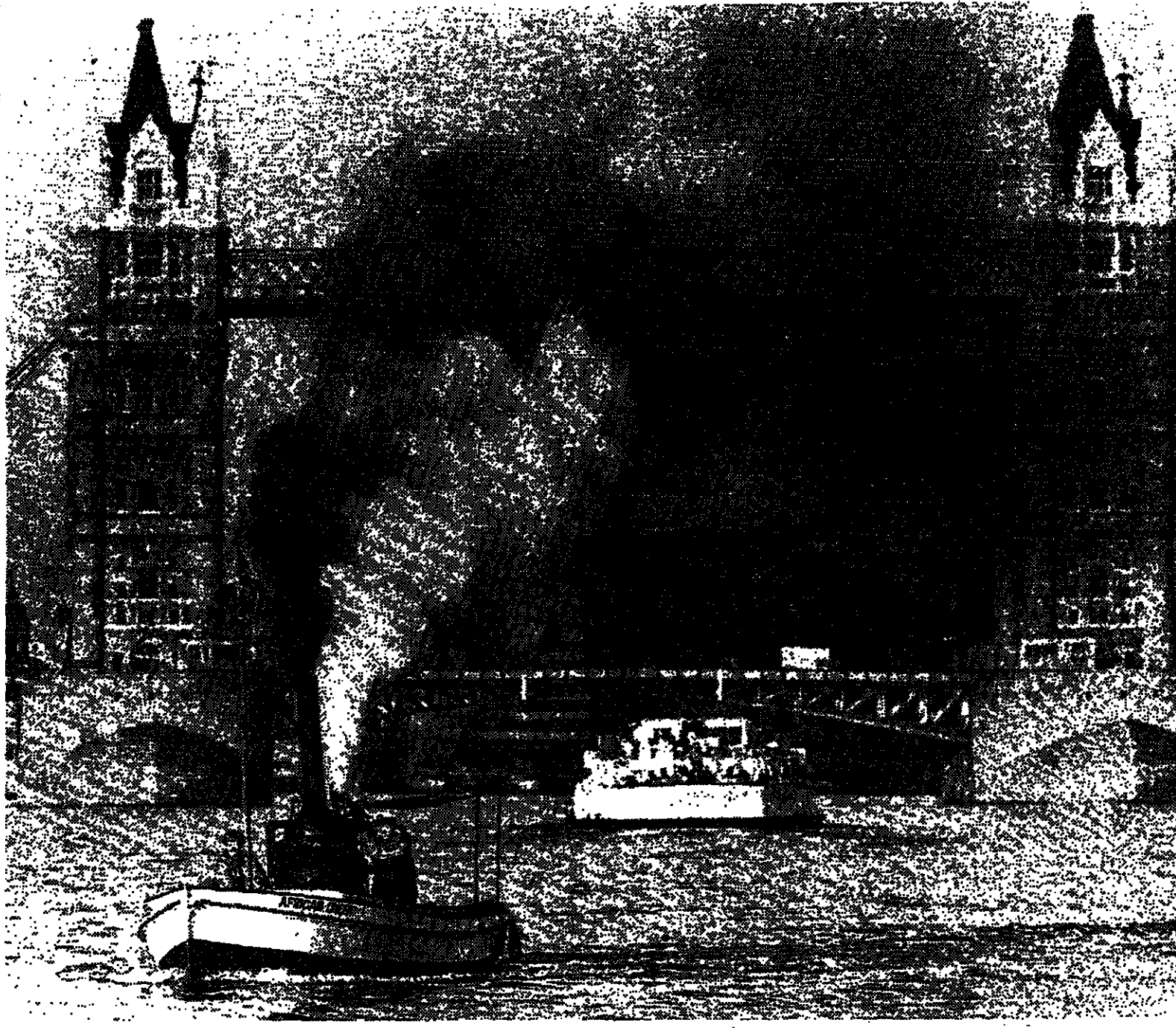
During the year British Airways the British Airways Authority and Rolls-Royce would follow British Gas into the private sector.

Mrs Thatcher said that since the Conservatives had come to power there were 2.5 million more home owners, building society accounts had increased from 31 million to 52 million, 1.5 million people had gained a stake in their firms and share ownership had doubled.

Labour, she charged, would reverse all that by taking Britain back, giving power back to trades union bosses, imposing penal taxation and putting people back on the payroll regardless of whether there was a job for them.

But the Prime Minister reserved the most powerful section of her speech for on Labour's defence policies.

African Queen sails home with a bang



The African Queen under full steam yesterday towards her berth by Tower Bridge. (Photograph: John Roger). Below, a scene from the well-loved film.

The most famous steamboat in film history made an ignominious return to her native country yesterday. The African Queen, the gritty rattlebucket that was the unlikely vehicle for Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn in the 1951 film of that name, ran out of steam crossing the Thames and dislodged her rusty stack against a pontoon bridge at Tower Pier (Robin Young writes).

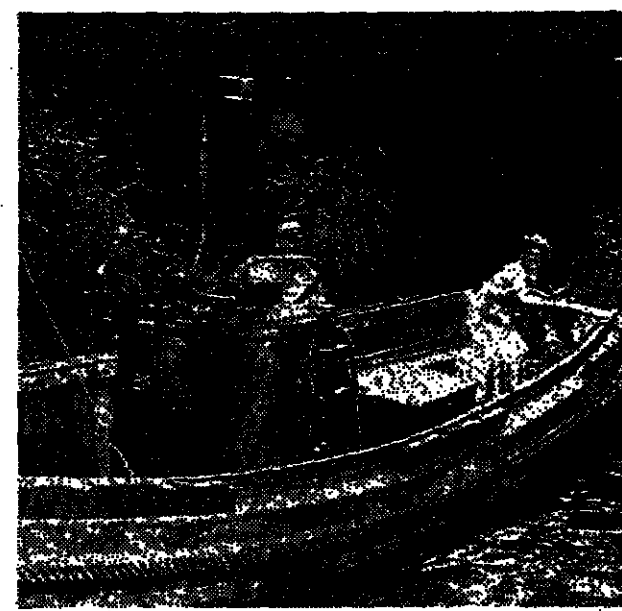
The Queen, believed to have been built in the north-east of England in 1919, was chosen for her film career because of her close resemblance to the vessel described in the C.S. Forester novel on which the film was based. At the time she was a working ferryboat shuttling goods across Lake Albert on the border of the Belgian Congo and Uganda for

the British East African Railway. After the film-makers had finished with her, and Bogart had won his Oscar, the 30-foot boat simply went back to tramp work. She was finally declared redundant and sold for £150 at auction by the railway company in 1968.

Several changes of ownership later she has a rather inappropriate and evidently underpowered boiler, originally intended for agricultural purposes on dry land, and rather more advanced drive machinery than Bogart, as the long-suffering riverboat captain, Sam Allnut, had to nurse in the film. Her steel hull is unchanged, and her tarpaulin awning still gets burnt with flying sparks and liberally splattered with mixed gauge whenever steam is raised.

Her present owner, a retired American lawyer called James Hendricks, bought her to publicize his Holiday Inn at Key Largo, Florida (another redolent name for Bogart fans) and paid \$65,000 for her four years ago. "She had not been in the water for ten years then, but I just could not resist her," Mr Hendricks said yesterday.

The Queen, supposedly blown to smithereens at the end of the film when Allnut's home-made torpedoes finally claimed the German battleship that the redoubtable Hepburn missionary character, Rose, had made her target, is to be the star attraction of next year's London Boat Show. Then she is likely to be on view at the New Bridge steam museum, and may even get a restorative fit with a real marine boiler.



Frank Johnson at the Commons

Tradition casts its ritual spell

The morning of the State Opening of Parliament seemed a good time to read a mischievous-sounding book now out in paperback, called *The Invention of Tradition*.

This turned out to be a set of essays arguing in effect that most British traditions, such as these royal ceremonies, are not hundreds of years old, but were invented - in historical terms - only the other day. One of the book's editors is the Marxist Professor Eric Hobsbawm. He often gets himself written up as an adviser to Mr Kinnock, although that too may be a recent invention. He seems to think that European monarchies, including ours, were invented sometime between 1870 and 1914. This theory is applied to ours in a fine essay by the less politically-conscious figure of Mr David Cannadine, a Cambridge don.

He says that our royal ceremonial is now so good that that we have been able to persuade ourselves that it always has been. But as recently as 1861, the third Marquess of Salisbury - after watching Victoria open Parliament - wrote that it was not the sort of thing we were good at. Some "malignant spell" always "inserts some feature which makes them all ridiculous".

It was only much later that we became good at it. Mr Cannadine also points out that not all of it is particularly old. "Old ceremonies have adapted and new rituals invented," he says. He also quotes approvingly a biographer of the late Richard Dimbleby, who said that "that great man did more than any other individual to secure the position of the monarch in the affections of the British people".

Good though the book is, we of the broad masses did not need dons to tell us that. Those of us of a certain age derive all our traditions from the late Mr Dimbleby. That is why even those of us with access to Parliament always watch the State Opening on television. And so yesterday morning we sat rapt before the ancient ceremony which goes back to 1958, which was when it was first televised.

The familiar symbols were paraded before us: the Sword of State, the Cap of Maintenance, and above all, on the BBC, the great Crown Headphones - handed down by Dimbleby to his eldest son, David, who conducted the Commentary of State as he

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits the new Swan Theatre of the Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon and performs the opening ceremony, 3.10; later she attends a performance, Swan Theatre, 7.35.

The Duchess of York switches

on the Christmas lights in Regent Street, 6.

Princess Anne opens the new offices of the Children's District Council, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, 2; and also opens a Day Care Centre and Short Stay Hostel for the handicapped, Seelys House, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 3.40; later she attends a reception in St James's Palace to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the

British Equine Veterinary Association, 6.30.

Princess Margaret opens the exhibition Elizabeth II - Portraits of Sixty Years, National Portrait Gallery, 6.35.

New exhibitions

Quintessence of Landscape and Bronze Age Moor: Paintings by Marie Walker Last and recent drawings and prints by Barry Herbert, Leeds University, Mon to Fri 10 to 5 (ends Dec 12).

Music

Concert by the Hallgate Chamber Orchestra, Hallgate United Reformed Church Hall, Hallgate, Doncaster, 7.30.

Recital by Linda Verrier (soprano) and Paul Slater (piano): Royal Exchange, Manchester, 1.

Recital by Judith Carter (mezzo soprano): Southall Library Theatre, 1.

John Brown Jazz Orchestra, The Colonnade, Ripon, 7.30.

Concert by the Halle Orchestra: Free Trade Hall, Manchester, 7.30.

Concert by the London Oboe Trio: Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester, 12.45.

Talks, lectures

Jacobson Lecture: Taking Colts to Newcastle, by Caroline Breese Hall, 5.30; and A Comet's Tale, by Heather Couper, 7.45; Curtis Auditorium, School of Physics, Newcastle University.

General

Loughborough Fair, Streets of Loughborough, Lincs, today from 1 pm until Sat 11 pm.

Metro alert

Austin Rover is writing to the owners of 600,000 three-door Metro cars asking them to fit a new petrol cap designed by the company following tests carried out with the Department of Transport. It was found that fuel spillage, with the risk of fire, could occur if fuel caps were incorrectly fitted or a cap not approved by Austin Rover was used.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech.

Lords (3): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

New books - paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: **FICTION** *Caravan, An Opera in Four Acts*, by Anthony Burgess (Hutchinson, £5.95) *Disruption of Innocence*, by Robert Scholey (Grain, £2.50) *The Belderbucks Tapes*, by Alan Paster (Museum, £2.50) *The Blue*, by Elizabeth Taylor, introduction by Paul Bailey (Virago, £3.50) *The Death of My Brother Abel*, by Gregor von Rezzonico, translated by Joachim Neugroschel (Picador, £4.95) *Woman Warlord*, by Joanna McClelland Glass (Pavane, £2.95) **NON-FICTION** *Norfolk in the Civil War*, by R.W. Kettner-Cramer (Giddons Books, Norwich, £3.95) *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, by Oliver Sacks (Picador, £3.50) *Time and Time Again*, by Den Jacobson (Fontana, £3.50) *You May Well Ask*, A Memoir 1920-1940, by Naomi Mitchison (Fontana, £3.50)

The pound

	Bank	Bank
Australia \$	2.48	2.48
Belgium Fr	63.00	63.00
Canada Cdn	1.45	1.45
Denmark Kr	11.36	10.76
Finland Mk	7.47	6.97
France F	166.35	166.35
Germany DM	3.015	2.845
Greece Dr	240.00	212.00
Hong Kong \$	11.40	10.57
India Ru	1.11	1.05
Italy L	206.00	197.00
Japan Yen	241.00	227.00
Netherlands Gld	3.265	3.215
Portugal Esc	200.00	200.00
Spain Ptas	166.35	166.35
Sweden Kr	10.31	9.76
Switzerland Fr	2.465	2.325
USA	1.93	1.82
Yugoslavia Dnr	570.00	710.00

Roads

London and South-east: A4008: Serious congestion throughout the area due to construction work along Blackbird Hill, Neasden. A281: Avoid Bramley High Street, Surrey, as roadworks will cause serious congestion. The Midlands: M1: Roadworks between junction 27 and 28 (A608/Mansfield) with possible rush hour delays. M5: Roadworks to the SW of Birmingham between junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich). M54: Lane closures between Kettle and Cludley interchanges, Shropshire. Wales and West: M6: Contrailow at junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon/Cirencester). M5: Contrailow at junction 14 (Thornbury). M4/M32: Bristol interchange: various restrictions.

Anniversaries

Birth: St Augustine of Hippo, Tarentum (South-Italy), 354; Edward III, reigned 1327-77; Windsor, 1312; Maurice of Nassau, Prince of Orange, military leader, Dillenburg, Germany, 1567; James Clerk Maxwell, physicist, Edinburgh, 1831; Robert Louis Stevenson, Edinburgh, 1850. Deaths: William Etty, painter, York, 1849; Groschinsky Rosinai, Passy, France, 1868; Camille Pissarro, Paris, 1903; Francis Thompson, poet, London, 1907; Vittorio De Sica, film director, Paris, 1974. State of emergency proclaimed in Britain, 1973.

Charity card shops

Charity Christmas cards are now available from the following shops administered by the Charity Christmas Card Council. Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2 (Mon to Fri 9.30 to 3.30); Congress House, 23 Russell St, London, WC1 (Mon to Fri 9 to 5); 11 Grand Buildings, Northumberland Ave, London, WC2 (Mon to Sat 10 to 6); 107 Fenchurch St, London, EC3 (Mon to Fri 10 to 6); Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria St, London, SW1 (Mon to Sat 10 to 6).

A national telephone information service run by the Council gives locations of Charity Card Shops countrywide and is open Monday to Friday 9.30 to 3.30 on (01) 242 0346.

Weather forecast

A deep depression in the Atlantic will move slowly E. Its associated fronts will cross all areas from the west during the day.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, E, central N, NE England, East Angles, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Cloudy but dry at first, showers later; wind southerly, fresh or strong; max temp 12C (54F). Central S, W, England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Mainly cloudy with occasional showers but some sunny intervals in the afternoon; wind southerly fresh or strong veering SW and moderating; a lobe later; max temp 13C (55F). SW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy with rain at first, showers with some sunny intervals later; wind southerly veering SW moderate or fresh but strong to gale force in exposed places at first; max temp 12C (54F). Central Highlands, Wemyr Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy with rain, heavy at times at first, becoming lighter with showers later; wind southerly veering SW strong to gale force at first, moderating later in the day; max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday

Continuing rather warm with showers in most areas; winds abating.

Lighting-up time

London 4.45 pm to 6.45 am

Edinburgh 4.20 pm to 7.15 am

Manchester 4.45 pm to 7.02 am

Perthshire 5.11 pm to 7.03 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c. cloud; f. fair; r. rain; s. sun.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 12.15 pm.

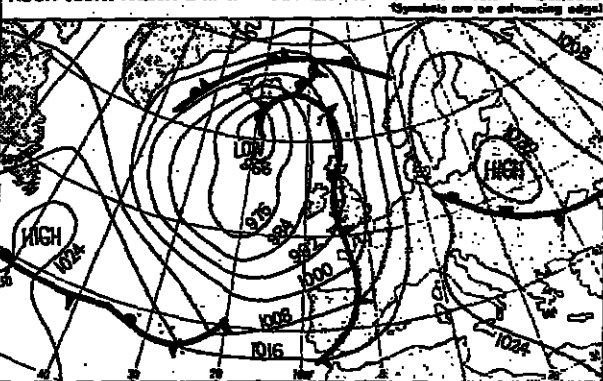
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MOON TODAY



High tides

Location	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.30	6.5	11.20	4.0
Aberdeen	4.47	6.5	6.11	4.2
Cardiff	8.58	6.2	9.07	5.4
Cirencester	4.32	10.8	5.58	11.4
Dover	3.52	6.1	9.22	6.1
Dunfermline	3.02	4.8	3.18	5.0
Edinburgh	4.06	6.4	4.06	4.6
Exeter	8.25	3.8	10.00	3.9
Falmouth	6.18	6.0	8.22	3.3
Glasgow	3.43	10.7	4.35	6.7
Hull	9.38	6.1	9.27	6.5
Leamington	3.03	8.5	12.35	5.3
Leeds	6.36	2.4	7.29	2.3
London	9.24	4.5	10.59	4.9
Manchester	2.51	6.2	6.08	6.6
Newcastle	3.43	10.7	4.35	6.7
Perthshire	2.57	1.1	2.50	5.3
Portsmouth	4.25	1.9	4.44	2.0
Reading	3.58	6.1	6.11	3.3
Sheffield	8.54	5.8	8.21	5.6
Southampton	1.56	4.4	1.10	4.2
Stranraer	6.54	3.3	4.53	6.8
Teesside	6.07	4.9	8.12	4.0
Wilton-on-Avon	9.12	3.8	9.58	4.0

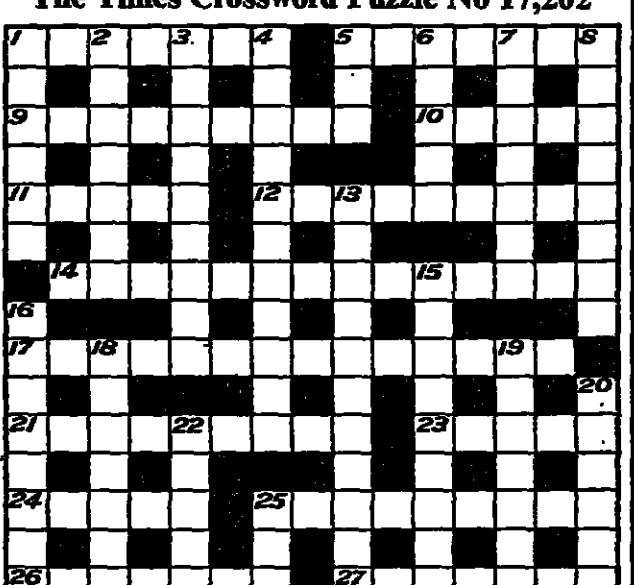
Around Britain

Location	Sun Rain	Max	Min	C	M
Scarborough	x	11	13	55	sunny
Bradford	x	10	12	54	cloudy
Cardiff	x	11	13	55	sunny
Cirencester	x	11	13	55	sunny
Dunfermline	x	11	13	55	sunny
Edinburgh	x	11	13	55	sunny
Exeter	x	11	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	x	11	13	55	sunny
Glasgow	x	11	13	55	sunny
Hull	x	11	13	55	sunny
Leamington	x	11	13	55	sunny
Leeds	x	11	13	55	sunny
London	x	11	13	55	sunny
Manchester	x	11	13	55	sunny
Perthshire	x	11	13	55	sunny
Portsmouth	x	11	13	55	sunny
Reading	x	11	13	55	sunny
Sheffield	x	11	13	55	sunny
Southampton	x	11	13	55	sunny
Stranraer	x	11	13	55	sunny
Teesside	x	11	13	55	sunny
Wilton-on-Avon	x	11	13	55	sunny

ABROAD

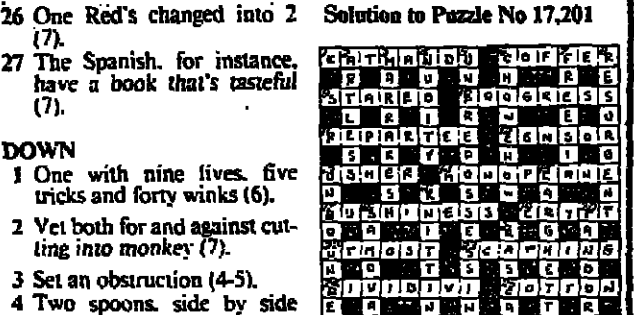
Location	C	F	C	F	
Algeria	18	54	Colombia	13	55
Algeria	18	54	Cyprus	9	48
Algeria	18	54	Dominican	15	50
Algeria	18	54	France	15	50
Algeria	18	54	Germany	15	50
Algeria	18	54	Greece	15	50
Algeria	18	54	India	15	50
Algeria	18	54	Italy	15	50
Algeria	18	54	Japan	15	50
Algeria	18	54	USA	15	50

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,202



ACROSS

- 1 Sequence broken by a King is an annoyance (7).
- 5 Black sort of woolly epic (7).
- 9 Dan Cupid's first embraced by thin light entertainer (3-6).
- 10 Overrun (5).
- 11 Terrible arm Jack takes round to doctor (1-4).
- 12 Terrified bridge player surrounded by a crowd (3-6).
- 14 In time, you start giving his these reconsideration (6,8).
- 17 Duke's protectors struck Len - Duke's upset (1-4).
- 21 Girl, extremely elegant, about to stow away to American island (9).
- 23 Standard, or two better? (5).
- 24 Chap - an American lawyer - about to confess (5).
- 25 Imp - 's emerged from tapestry on the shelf (9).
- 26 One Red's changed into 2 (7).
- 27 The Spanish, for instance, have a book that's tasteful (7).



DOWN

- 1 One with nine lives, five tricks and forty winks (6).
- 2 Vet both for and against cutting into monkey (7).
- 3 Set an obstruction (4-5).
- 4 Two spoons, side by side (4,3,4).

Concise Crossword page 15

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1305.1 (-6.6) FT-SE 100 1654.5 (-6.4) Bargains 32691 (34978) USM (Datastream) 130.84 (+0.41) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4260 (-0.0125) W German mark 2.8862 (-0.0404) Trade-weighted 68.5 (-0.8)

Brothers up stake

Messrs Don and Roy Richardson, the Midlands property developers who are bidding for Burns Anderson, the diversified financial services group, took their effective stake in Burns to about 18.5 per cent after active buying in the market by their stockbrokers Ashworth Sons & Barratt.

Quiet start for News Corp

Shares of News Corporation, the parent company of News International, owner of the Times, the Sunday Times, the Sun and News of the World, made a quiet start in first-time dealings on the London stock market.

Portland up

Great Portland Estates interim results for the half-year to September 30 show pretax net revenue of £10.4 million, an increase of £1.65 million on the same period last year.

Insurers upset

Commercial Union Assurance reported a disappointing third-quarter taxable profit of £31.1 million, bringing its nine-month total to £72.2 million. General Accident's profits also were lower than expected.

Ultramar drop

Third quarter pretax profit at Ultramar slumped from £67.8 million to £17.9 million for the three months to September 30.

Table with 2 columns: Market indicators and values. Includes Wall Street, Foreign Exchange, Commodities, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: Stock Markets and Main Price Changes. Lists various indices and their movements.

INTEREST RATES

Table with 2 columns: Interest rates for various terms and currencies.

CURRENCIES

Table with 2 columns: Exchange rates for various currencies like New York, DM, etc.

Collier resigned after AE share deal through US

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Geoffrey Collier was forced to resign from Morgan Grenfell for using outside brokers to buy shares in the AE engineering group just before AE announced an agreed takeover by Mr Robert Maxwell.

China Clays sets sights on Bryant

By Cliff Feltham

English China Clays last night said it was keen to make an agreed takeover bid for Bryant Holdings, the West Midlands housebuilder.

Full bid for Gestetner thought likely

By Richard Lander

Shares in Gestetner Holdings, the printing and stencil duplicator company, were suspended yesterday amid speculation that the large Gestetner family holding had been pledged to an outside party which planned to launch a full bid for the group.

SIB near point of takeover

By Our City Staff

Britain's Financial Services Act and its provisions for regulating the markets should be in force by late next year, Brian Hilton, Under-Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry, said yesterday.



Robert Scholey: attaching a commercial cachet to privatization of the British Steel Corporation

BSC soars to £68m half-year profit

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The British Steel Corporation made a profit of £68 million in the six months to the end of September but privatization, announced recently by Mrs Thatcher, appears unlikely before 1989 at the earliest.

£6m House of Holland sale

Jetch, a video tape and leisure goods importer, quoted on the over-the-counter market, is buying House of Holland, the retail chain, for about £6 million.

House of Holland went into receivership this year. In July 11 stores and the rights to the name were bought by Eversure, a company controlled by Mr David Buist, chairman of Marler Estates and Mr Ken Bishop, formerly of Debenhams.

Gas shares interest 32% of adults

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

The Government's hopes that half the families in Britain will be shareholders by the next election have been given a boost.

Fall in sterling prompts fears of higher rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell sharply yesterday, due to a weak dollar and political and economic uncertainties in Britain, raising fears of an increase in base rates.

NatWest names new chief

By Our Banking Correspondent

Mr Tom Frost is to become the chief executive of National Westminster Bank when Mr Philip Wilkinson, the current chief executive, retires at the end of June next year.

Coffee in continued plunge

By Richard Lander

Coffee prices continued downwards yesterday because of fears that discounts announced by Brazil earlier in the week could start a price-cutting war with other producers in Latin America.

Maxwell stake

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror, has bought a further 100,000 McCorquodale shares at 31p.

SE-Isro 'yes'

Stock Exchange members have voted in favour of the constitutional changes necessary for a merger with Isro and the formation of an international stock exchange.

Presenting the Saints Savings Scheme. The Scottish American Investment Company, or Saints as we're known to investors, has a scheme catering specially for private investors. Managed by Stewart Ivory and Company, the Saints Savings Scheme makes it easier for both existing shareholders and new investors to accumulate Saints shares.

WALL STREET

Table with columns for Nov 11 and Nov 10, listing various stocks and their prices.

Prices turn lower in early trade

New York (Agencies) - Wall street stocks, again taking a cue from the bond market, turned lower in active early trading yesterday as bond prices eased from their initial highs.

Traders said there was some concern about a rise in oil prices, putting pressure on bonds, but oil issues failed to capitalize on that speculation yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.83 to 1,894.12 at one stage when the transport average was down 1.50 to 835.13 though the utilities indicator edged up 0.06 to 210.50.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index slipped 0.33 to 246.75 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index was down 0.14 to 142.00.

Declining shares led advancing issues by a six-to-five margin on volume of about 44 million shares.

Ford Motor Company has announced plans to invest \$171 million (£119 million) in two Michigan plants for the manufacture of newly designed alternators and starters.

Alternators would be produced at the Rawsonville plant and starters at the Ypsilanti plant, the company said.

The new starters and alternators will be phased into present production.

Ford said it planned to spend \$77 million for the starter programme and \$94 million for the new generation alternator programme.

Extensive use would be made of computer-controlled machinery and robotics, Ford said.

Inflation is heading back above 10%, says City forecast

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

Britain's inflation rate is heading back above 10 per cent according to a new City forecast. The Chancellor's autumn statement, it is said, has added to the inflationary pressures in the economy.

The forecast, from the stockbroker Williams de Broe, is based on a monetarist model of the economy.

It predicts an average inflation rate of 5.4 per cent next year, rising to above 10 per cent by late 1988.

The forecast, while going further than the majority of City projections, is in line with the prevailing market view that Mrs Thatcher would be unable to delay too long before calling a General Election.



Nigel Lawson: challenge to public spending claim

"The more relaxed fiscal stance announced in the autumn statement has exacerbated existing inflationary pressures arising from past excess monetary growth," said

Mr David Smith, Williams de Broe's economic adviser.

"The Chancellor's claim that public spending financed through taxation is not inflationary, unlike spending financed through borrowing, is wrong because it ignores the adverse supply effects of high taxation in reducing private output and the demand for financial assets," he added.

The Williams de Broe view is that the Lawson boom in the economy displays all the early symptoms of an excess supply of money and that it will be only a matter of time before inflation responds.

Steady vulnerability is expected to keep base rates above 10 per cent for the remainder of this year and in 1987, with the rate rising to an average of 12 per cent in 1988 and 13 per cent in 1989.

£70m bid for Barton Dock

By Judith Hentley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The Manchester Ship Canal Company, which is the subject of a protracted and hostile £37 million bid from Highams, has received an offer of £70 million for its Barton Dock estate, a valuable property for retail development.

An unnamed British developer has made the cash offer which would become payable once planning permission was granted and a development completed.

Capital and Counties, the retail developer, was to have developed the Barton Dock site with the MSCC and is believed to have offered about £60 million for it. But that plan fell through.

The Carroll Group, a private developer, has been buying shares in MSCC and has a joint scheme already under way with the company on another part of its estate.

Bid to break triple witching hour spell

By Richard Lander

A solution to the wild fluctuations on Wall Street, which can arise at the "triple witching hour" of share futures and options contracts, should be at hand within six months, according to Mr Leo Melamed, chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME).

He said a committee of CME officials, futures and share traders and academics had been examining ways of dampening the movements in share prices when arbitrageurs, using sophisticated trading models, tried to take advantage of the coincidental expiry of contracts on stock indexes and individual shares each quarter.

One of the most important contracts is the CME's Standard & Poores (S&P) 500-share index futures.

Mr Melamed said: "I will predict that by the March triple witching hour we will have resolved the rules that cause it to an extent where we can anticipate it smoothing itself out and not causing the dislocation that it does presently."

He declined to elaborate on what form the rule changes may take, but said: "I think we can reach agreement on the satisfaction of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission."

Triple witching hour has attracted the close attention of the US regulatory authorities. Last September, traders on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) were asked to declare market-close orders in blue-

chip stocks 30 minutes before the end of trading.

Mr Melamed, who is in London for the CME's international financial symposium, elaborated on the link between the CME and the NYSE announced last week. Under this link a joint "ask force" will examine ways to improve business flows between Chicago and New York and reduce costs for traders.

In spite of huge publicity which surrounds programmed trading, Mr Melamed said he felt only a small percentage of traders understood how to take advantage of connection between the stock and futures markets.

"We want to get a means whereby a specialist on the floor of the NYSE can go directly with his order to our floor. At the same time members of the CME who trade S&P futures have yet to apply themselves as hedgers in the actual stocks," he said.

The CME, where many orders are passed to floor traders in paper form, wanted to draw on a system developed by the NYSE for electronically delivering orders from clients to the dealing floor.

A further advantage of the link would be that the two markets would have a wider base from which to start new products. Mr Melamed said. Improved contacts with New York would help the CME launch futures in four sub-sectors of the S&P index, while the NYSE could list more Japanese stocks when arbitrage opportunities opened up against the CME's planned Nikkei Stock Average futures.

£17m tag for office supplier

By Cliff Feltham

Gordon Russell, a supplier of office furniture, is coming to the stock market, valued at £17.3 million.

There are three separate companies within the business, which has seen pretax profits grow from £217,000 in 1982 to more than £1 million last year. The forecast for the present year is £1.75 million.

The company started in 1972 by selling office furniture under the Grolflex name. Later, it received reception and boardroom furniture with the acquisition of the William Plunkett business.

This year, it bought Gordon Russell Furniture, from which it takes its name.

A total of 2.9 million shares is being placed through County Bank - 32 per cent of the company - at 190p a share. It will raise about £2.6 million, which will be used to reduce borrowings taken out to finance the latest acquisition.

Geest set to float at £82m

By Lawrence Lever

Geest, the fruit and vegetable company and the largest importer of bananas in Britain, is coming to the market via an offer for sale valuing the company at £81.8 million.

The offer of 25.6 million Geest shares at £1.25 each represents just over 39 per cent of the company. The directors and other parties are selling shares worth £22 million.

The company itself is raising £10 million gross from the offer, which after expenses of £2.1 million works out at £7.9 million.

Profits before tax in its last complete financial year were £5.6 million on a turnover of £366.6 million. In the six months to June 28 this year it made pretax profits of £5.4 million.

It is forecasting full-year profits before tax of not less than £8 million.

Ericsson back to profit in third quarter

Ericsson (Telefonaktiebolaget LM), the Swedish electrical engineering company, has returned to an operating profit in the third quarter of 1986 and cut its losses after allowing for financial income and expenses.

The company reported an operating income of Skr184 million (£18 million) against a Skr58 million loss a year earlier, despite a slight fall in net sales from Skr6,626 million to Skr6,547 million. The loss after expenses was Skr133 million against Skr223 million in the third quarter of 1985.

The first nine months of 1986 have seen an increase in operating income to Skr1,031 million from Skr1,004 million a year earlier.

Ericsson said the gradual improvement in operating results during the second and third quarters was expected to continue.

The improvement in results for the third quarter - traditionally a weak period - indicates that the programme of concentration and rationalization measures is gradually taking effect. The largest improvement was in information systems business.

Income in the fourth quarter of this year is expected to be somewhat higher than in the same period of 1985.

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Extracts from the Directors' Report and Chairman's Statement for the year ended 30th June 1986

Table with columns for 1986 and 1985, listing financial figures.

The company has increased its turnover in excess of 10% and in no doing has maintained its market share of all its main products, showing a significant increase in profits.

A final dividend of 15p per share is being recommended giving a total of 25p per share for the year.

POL-Wylex Sdn. Bhd. in Malaysia has shown a considerable increase in the manufacture of Wylex products where the company has become the major producer of the three companies involved. There is now a significant tariff on the import of PCC's to Malaysia and as the company is the only manufacturer at this time, it is in a very strong position to increase its influence in the marketplace. Our related company in Australia, Clipsal Switchgear Pty. Limited is continuing to increase its share of the Australian market and should continue to do so in the future.

Earlier this year the company acquired a minority interest in Capstead Controls Limited, a company involved in the design and manufacture of electrical control equipment. This, you will understand, is in an associated field and we hope will lead to a development suitable to the group's advancement.

The directors are recommending that a scrip issue of one new ordinary share of 25p credited as fully paid be made for each existing ordinary share in the company. Appropriate resolutions will be proposed at the annual general meeting to be held on 12th November 1986.

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EEC steel firms offer 10% cuts in defence of quotas

Brussels (Reuters) — Leading EEC steel companies have offered to cut capacity by more than 10 per cent if they are allowed to keep a quota system which protects vulnerable producers, according to steel industry sources.

The offer, agreed at a meeting of the steelmakers' lobby, Eurofer, in Düsseldorf, West Germany, came with a demand that EEC countries finance redundancies, which would result from the cuts.

The lobby offer to cut capacity by 12 million tonnes by 1990, came in response to EEC Commission proposals to scrap quotas that have protected the troubled industry from both home and foreign competition.

The EEC industry commissioner, Herr Karl-Heinz Narjes, wants to reduce the proportion of total output protected by the quota system from the present 65 per cent to 45 per cent at the beginning of 1988, and to scrap the quotas by 1988.

The Commission said limits on steel imports from 11 non-Community countries should be extended for another year because of EEC market conditions.

It said that the restructuring of the ailing steel industry was making progress, but the process had not yet been completed and did not permit free access to EEC markets.

The Commission said it was seeking a mandate from member states to negotiate an extension of import limits with Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, South Korea, Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Export ceilings of these countries for next year should remain the same as those for this year, the Commission said.

But there was no need, it said, to renegotiate an accord with Australia since its steel exports to the EEC were low.

South African steel exports to the EEC have been banned under sanctions adopted in protest against Pretoria's apartheid system.

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LCP hits at Ward White

By Cliff Feltham

Mr David Rhead, chairman of LCP, the property and car accessories group, last night launched a fierce attack on Ward White, which is making an unwanted £150 million takeover bid for the company.

He claimed that Ward White was in danger of "severely damaging" the business they want most — LCP's Whitlock car parts chain in the US which contributes the bulk of the profits.

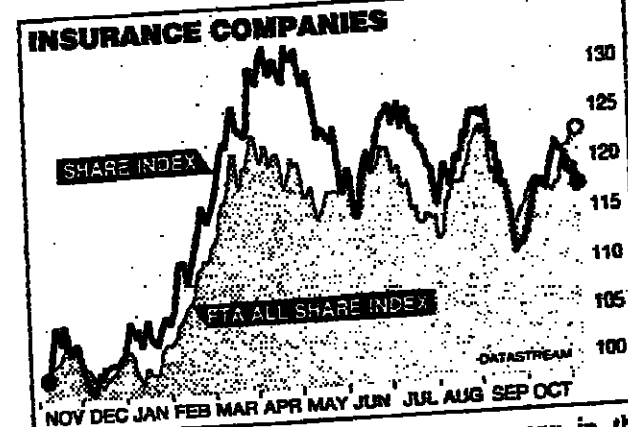
Mr Rhead, in his defence document, says Whitlock is entirely different from the Halfords operation run by Ward White in the United Kingdom.

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Excitement wavers at CU and GA

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INSURANCE COMPANIES

After the excitement of good first and then much better second quarter figures, third quarter results from Commercial Union and General Accident disappointed.

The pace of profits recovery slowed with GA actually registering lower pretax profits in the third quarter at £38.9 million against a second quarter £45.5 million.

The reasons were largely the drag on CU's American business from the high level of involuntary business it was obliged to write and GA's continuing problems on the British motor account.

Involuntary business — unpopular risks that some American states oblige insurers to write — accounted for a high 10 per cent of CU's American exposure.

Its participation is assessed on its past exposure rather than its now reduced exposure to America.

CU's American underwriting loss eased to £38 million from £52.3 million in the previous third quarter, for a reduced nine-month operating loss of £22.3 million against £80.2 million.

The company hopes the long awaited emergence into profit will happen next year, just as rate rises on American commercial lines are expected to slow down appreciably.

CU's American nine month operating ratio (claims and expenses against premiums) remained well above the industry average at 115.1 per cent, although it reduced from 122.1 per cent against 116.4 per cent.

GA's third quarter British motor account made a thumping £11.1 million underwriting loss against £6.5 million in the second quarter.

The claims frequency continues to rise and the cost of claims rose 6 per cent in the third quarter.

GA has already imposed three rate rises in 1986 totalling 26 per cent. If motor does not come right soon, more rises can be expected.

Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, has shaved back its full-year forecasts to £110 million pretax for CU and £130 million for GA.

CU's shares fell 13p to 269p and GA's lost 13p to 831p.

However the shares are underpriced — CU's by a prospective yield of 6.8 per cent and GA's by an asset backing of 108p a share.

The composite insurance sector is out of favour but both companies have attractions.

Redfearn profits jump as recovery continues

By Alexandra Jackson

Redfearn National Glass, manufacturer of glass and plastic containers, yesterday reported an increase in profits for the year to the end of September from a restated £1.3 million to £2.6 million.

Turnover rose from £58.2 million to £58.9 million, while earnings per share rose from 20p to 38.2p. A final dividend of 6p was declared, making a total of 44p for the year.

Redfearn shares have outperformed the market by more than 100 per cent in the last 12 months, reflecting the presence of the 23.4 per cent stake held by Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, as well as the underlying recovery of the business.

Phit recommends only Wingate's cash offer

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The Chase Corporation, New Zealand's third largest company, posted its offer document for Property Holding & Investment Trust yesterday. The agreed bid is being made by Wingate Property Investments, in which Chase has a 63.1 per cent stake.

Phit's board is only recommending shareholders to take Wingate's 165p a share cash offer and the offer of 80p a share cash for the preference shares and convertible loan stock. Phit's estimated net asset value is 168p a share. It is making no recommendation for Wingate's one-for-two share offer.

Both the Phit board and Kleiwort Benson, its merchant bank, said: "We are not in a position to comment on Wingate paper."

China 'could open money markets'

From Robert Grieves, Peking

China could develop money markets within the next 10 years if its leaders continue on their present course of economic development, Mr John Phelan, the chairman of the New York stock exchange, said in Peking.

Mr Phelan spoke as he and 25 Wall Street executives visited the country to hold seminars on how to develop financial markets.

"China will not necessarily develop the kind of stock market we are used to," Mr Phelan told *The Times*. "But the Chinese have some very sophisticated people looking at these questions."

"In the next 10 years there will be enormous growth in this area."

The "China-United States symposium on financial markets" held at the Great Hall of the People, looked at the role of investment banks in the financial system and new ways to raise capital.

More than 300 Chinese officials from state banks and finance-related government agencies attended the seminars, among them Mr Chen Muhua, a state councillor and governor of the People's Bank of China, and Mr Liu Hongru, vice-governor of the People's Bank.

Among the American financial experts were Mr Elliot Richardson, the former US Commerce Secretary, now a partner at the New York law firm of Milbank, Tweed, and Mr William Rogers, the former US Secretary of State, now a senior partner in the Washington law firm of Rogers and Wells.

China has established fledgling stock exchanges in Shanghai, Chongqing and Wuhan, and a bond market in Shenyang.

In addition, it has made the People's Bank the country's central bank and charged it with regulating the money supply and interest rates.

Peking wants to open 10 more money markets in the next few years, in its drive to make the Chinese financial system more flexible.

Redfearn National Glass

"Pre-tax profits doubled"

Preliminary Announcement
52 weeks ended 28 September 1986

	52 weeks ended 28 Sept 1986	52 weeks ended 28 Sept 1985 (Restated)	% Change
Turnover	58,860	58,204	+1
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,557	1,278	+100
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	2,329	1,223	+90
Extraordinary items	422	1,669	-
Profit attributable to shareholders	2,751	2,892	-5
Earnings per ordinary share	38.2p	20.0p	+91
Dividend per ordinary share	6.0p	2.0p	+200

John Pratt, the Chairman, reports:

- * Profits before taxation doubled.
- * Interest charge down by 34%.
- * Earnings per share increased from 20.0p to 38.2p.
- * Dividend increased from 2.0p to 6.0p per share.

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- Further growth expected

	1986	1985
Turnover	£401.2m	£371.4m*
Profit before Tax	£56.5m	£47.6m
Earnings per Share	16.4p	12.9p
Dividend per Share	5.5p	4.5p

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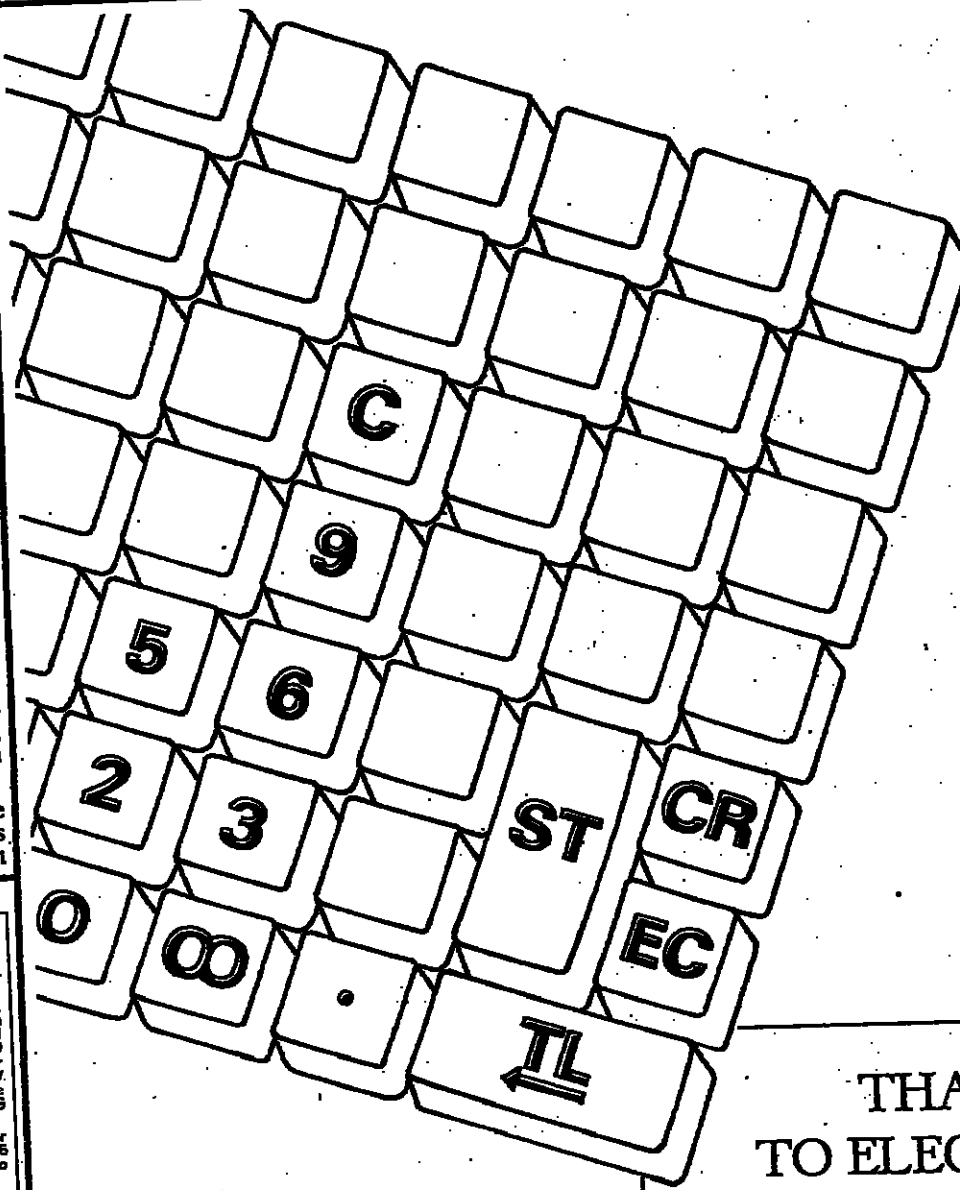
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Arndale shopping centres to undergo £25m refurbishment

By Judith Huntley

Arndale Shopping Centres, the specialist centre subsidiary of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, is to spend £25 million on refurbishing its shopping centres.

The move was announced yesterday by Mr Peter Ford, chairman of Arndale. He said: "Arndale currently operates some of Britain's largest and busiest covered shopping centres."

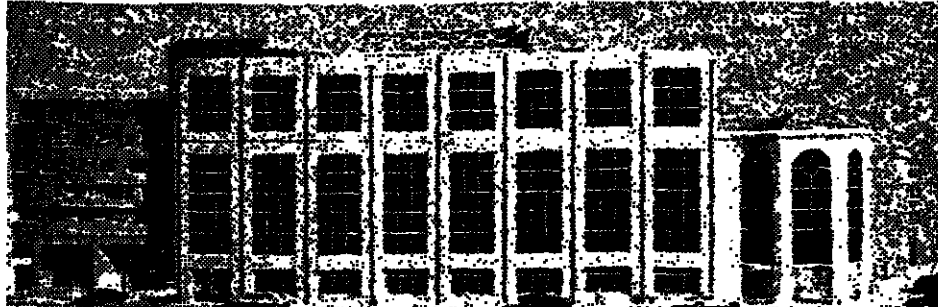
"However, the need to strengthen the concept of 'in town' shopping and the rising expectations of shoppers and retailers has led us to reassess the facilities and services we offer."

"Much of the budget allocated over the next two years will be spent on refurbishing existing shopping centres, which will include purpose-designed leisure facilities."

Arndale intends spending £20 million of its budget in the North-west of England. The company plans to convert the Knightsbridge Mall of Manchester's Arndale Centre into a speciality area.

The development went through a bad patch but Arndale says it has been encouraged by the number of lettings in the last year or so.

The scheme will be enhanced by the fact that Ramada International, the US hotel chain, is to convert Fairbairn House - close to the Manchester Arndale - into a 205-bedroom luxury hotel.



Helical Properties and Higgs and Hill Developments have sold their joint development, the 100,000 sq ft office block at 48 Chiswell Street in the City of London, to EP Properties for an estimated £39 million.

The private property company Paul Sykes (Developments) has added another 40 acres of land to its site for a £100 million retail and leisure centre of 1.3 million sq ft in the Don Valley, near Sheffield.

The extra land, bringing its total to 120 acres, is to be used for additional car parking and improved access.

The developer has yet to reveal details of how the project is to be funded. One possible route may be to sell securities in the development.

The company has explored many avenues but will not yet say which route it will take. The retail element of the project will have three department stores. Mr Paul Butcherworth, the managing director of Paul Sykes, says he expects these to be "premium deals" probably involving traditional leases with rack rents.

The remainder of the retail space will be let on turnover rents, which are commonplace in the US but rare in Britain. The developer intends building the project in one phase, with a completion date in 1988.

Lazard Brothers, which has a minority interest in the scheme. A syndicated £24 million non-recourse loan came from Security Pacific National Bank.

Sykes adds more acres to £100m leisure site

Newton to join Trevian board

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Mr Gerald Newton, the chairman of Country and New Town Properties, is to join the board of Trevian Holdings. The move comes only days after Country and New Town paid £30 million for a large slice of Bay Financial Corporation in the US.

The company yesterday bought eight properties from Country and New Town for £688,500. It paid £88,500 cash and issued £600,000 of convertible unsecured loan stock to Country and New Town.

Trevian is seeking a USM listing.

COMPANY NEWS

● **CAMPBELL RED LAKE:** The Dome Mines company increased income for the nine months to September 30 to Can\$31.09 million or £15.5 million from Can\$21.07 million. Net income totalled Can\$18.26 million.

● **INOCO:** The company has completed the acquisition of Rangoon Co from Monaco Group. It has also reached agreement in principle with an associate of Monaco Group Fund to acquire a portfolio of office, shop and commercial properties for about £5.25 million to be satisfied by the issue of 10 million ordinary shares at 50p each and the balance in cash.

● **TOWN CENTRE SECURITIES:** Final results to June 30 (figures in £000). Final dividend 0.7p (0.6p) making 1.1p (1p). Gross rental and investment income 6,837 (5,728), group revenue before interest charges 4,709 (4,382), profit before tax 3,016 (2,653), profit attributable to shareholders 1,926 (1,617), eps 2.13p (1.79p).

● **NEW COURT TRUST:** Year to August 31. Final dividend 11p (10.125p) making 15.7p (14.25p), payable on December 18. Net turnover £6.70 million (£6.07 million), net revenue before tax £1.29 million (£1.039 million), net revenue after tax £849,238 (£721,343), eps 16.98p (14.43p). Net asset value 595p (491p).

● **SIGMA MINES (QUEBEC):** Sigma (Dome Mines group) has more than trebled its net income for nine months to September 30 from Can\$1,482 million or £740,000 to Can\$4,634 million. Total revenue amounted to Can\$25,134 million (Can\$22,206 million). Earnings in the third quarter were Can\$1,268 million.

● **BENNETT & FOUNTAIN GROUP:** The company has announced a 97.14 per cent take-up of new shares following the recent £4 million rights issue. Acceptances have been received for 20,271,750 new ordinary shares with the balance placed with institutional clients of Phillips & Drew, the brokers.

● **HECALAL BAR:** Contracts have been changed for sale to BP Properties of 48 Chiswell Street, London EC1. Helical's share of a first payment next month is estimated to contribute a profit of £4.5 million pre-tax in the current year. Further payments due in 1987 will provide a similar amount of pre-tax profit to Helical in the year to January 31, 1988.

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● **EEED INTERNATIOANL:** The company is discussing with Norrlands Skogsagares Cellulosa the acquisition by the Swedish company of Reed's Madway division whose turnover for the year to March 31 was £42 million.

● **EGLINTON OIL AND GAS:** Six months to June 30 (figures in Ir£). Revenue for period 90,576 or £82,341 (116,855), pre-tax loss 84,347 (22,134) profit/loss per share £0.0033 (Ir£0.0006).

● **CORTON BEACH:** The company has acquired Asmo Motor Group, Volkswagen/Audi dealers based in Blackpool, for £100,000 satisfied by Corton Beach ordinary shares at 48p each.

● **REA HOLDINGS:** The company has agreed to acquire White Sea Holdings for £242,000, to be satisfied by the issue of REA ordinary shares, of which about 77 per cent will initially be retained by the vendors and the balance will be placed on their behalf.

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NINE MONTHS' REVIEW

ASSURANCE

Strong progress

★ Improvement of £76.1m in unaudited operating profit before tax.

★ Good performance and growth in the United Kingdom.
★ Substantial growth in life business.

★ United States progress continues.
★ Satisfactory results achieved in other territories.

MAIN FEATURES OF RESULTS

	9 months 1986	9 months 1985	Year 1985
	Unaudited £m	Unaudited £m	Actual £m
Total premium income	2,092.1	1,708.7	2,306.0
Life profits	58.2	48.6	80.3
Non-life operating result	14.0	(52.5)	(139.1)
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	72.2	(3.9)	(58.8)
Taxation and minorities	(25.8)	(27.5)	(31.6)
Realised investment gains	56.0	39.6	59.9
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	102.4	8.2	(30.5)
Earnings per share	24.82p	1.99p	(7.40)p
Shareholders' funds	£1,360m	£1,032m	£1,161m

	£m	£m	£m
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	59.9	38.4	71.5
United Kingdom	(22.3)	(80.2)	(178.6)
United States	37.6	26.6	38.8
Canada	8.3	6.2	5.6
Rest of the World	19.4	22.2	30.1
Interest on central borrowings	(30.7)	(17.1)	(26.2)
	72.2	(3.9)	(58.8)



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BRITISH STEEL:

£68m HALF-YEAR PROFIT - BUT UNCERTAINTIES CONTINUE

British Steel Chairman Robert Scholey yesterday reported a profit of £68 million for the six months to September 27, 1986, after interest but before taxation and exceptional items, which were not significant in the half-year.

Mr Scholey described the result as "further progress in the recovery of BSC at a time when restructuring of the industry in the ECSC remains incomplete."



UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Half-year to 28/9/85	Full year to 29/3/86		Half-year to 27/9/86
£m	£m		£m
1725	3502	Turnover of UK operation	1511
52	130	Profit on ordinary activities before interest	77
(25)	(54)	Interest payable	(9)
27	76	Profit on ordinary activities after interest	68

Note: Exceptional items, taxation and minority interests were not significant in the half-year ended September 27, 1986.

Other key points from Mr Scholey's statement:

- Half-year profits reflect benefits from major projects brought on stream towards the end of last year, and from implementation of the rationalisation measures contained in the August, 1985, strategy. With continuing progress in improving efficiency, further gains were made in manufacturing costs.
- The weakening US dollar and consequent reduction in the sterling cost of raw materials and energy also contributed to the improvement in profit - but this benefit is being eroded with the recent resurgence of oil-related energy prices.
- The relining of the Redcar blast furnace at a cost of £50m was successfully completed and was the major factor affecting production levels in the half-year. During the relining, deliveries were maintained from a strategic stock of semi-finished material which had been built up during last year.
- Despite continuing progress in the half-year, prospects for the second-half are uncertain.

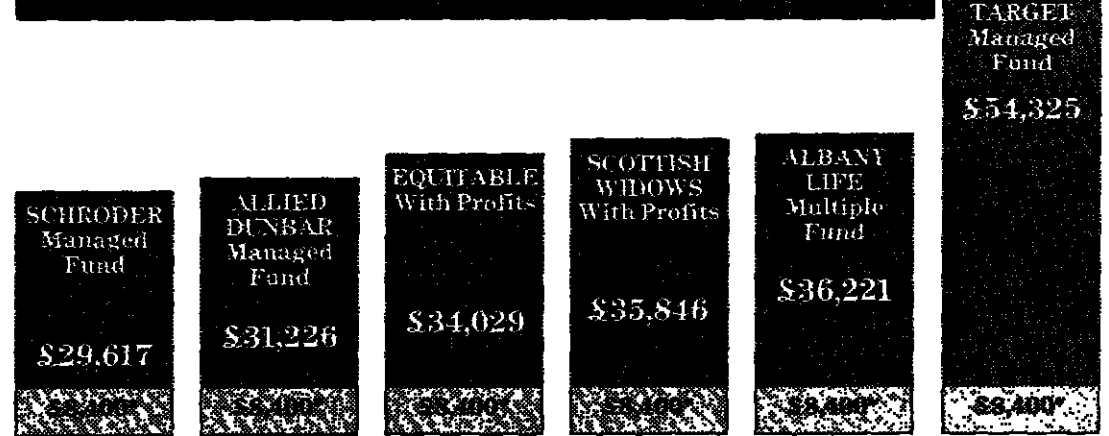
Against a flat, if not weakening European market demand for steel, there is increasing pressure from low-priced imports from the developing third world countries, often subsidised. This comes at a time when the European authorities appear intent on moving more quickly towards a quota-free market than is appropriate when capacity still substantially exceeds foreseeable demand. This problem of low-priced imports must be tackled successfully if liberalisation of the market is not to result in further price collapse with inevitable consequential losses. Margins are under increasing pressure from rising costs while sterling remains susceptible to significant fluctuations in exchange rates.

● All employed in the Corporation are fully aware of the urgent need to strive even harder to achieve greater efficiency, not only in reducing its cost base but, more particularly, in ensuring that it fully satisfies its customers' demands.

British Steel Corporation



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Value of Pension Fund over 10 years to 1st April 1986.

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●● Target soars head and shoulders above all rivals in the pensions field ●●
The Times, Saturday 26th January 1986.

If you're self-employed or the director of a private company, you'll know all about the tax advantages of investing in a pension plan. Your biggest problem will be selecting the best from the rest. Obviously, the most important factor will be the size of your pension fund when you eventually retire.

●● Indeed the best performing contract in the survey was linked to Target's Managed Fund ●●
The Daily Telegraph, Saturday 31st December 1985.

All too often, this decision is taken as a result of comparing projected growth figures, whereas the only realistic basis for comparison is achieved growth. The table above compares the actual results of an investment in the Target Personal Pension Plan - linked to the Target Managed Fund - with two leading with profits policies and three other unit linked plans invested in managed funds.

●● Target Managed is unquestionably the Steve Cream of investment performance ●●
Money Management, October 1985.

What it doesn't show, however, is that the Target Plan has out-performed all other personal pension plans over the last ten years. What's more, only the Target plan provides you with a guaranteed loanback facility* enabling you to draw on your investment whenever you like, with no additional management charges.

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The results for the six months to 30th September, 1986, continue to show highly satisfactory progress. Net revenue before tax has advanced to \$10,403,000 and, after tax, has increased by 25% to \$6,883,000. An interim dividend of 2.5p per share (1985: 2p) has been declared and, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, a final dividend of not less than 4.0p will be paid, making a total for the year of at least 7.1p (1985: 6.6p).

During recent weeks, important properties have been purchased at 4/7 Chiswell Street, E.C.1, The Gecco Centre, Orpington and 88/96 High Road, Wood Green, N.22, involving a total outlay of over £13 million. In addition, contracts have been exchanged for a large scheme of nearly 8 acres in Weybridge, where development should commence in June, 1987.

Richard Peskin - Chairman

INTERIM RESULTS FOR 1986

Unaudited revenue account	Half-year to 30.9.86 £'000	Half-year to 30.9.85 £'000	Year to 31.3.86 £'000
Revis receivable	12,845	10,294	21,224
Net revenue before tax	10,403	8,753	18,697
Net revenue after tax	6,883	5,502	11,854
Earnings per share	4.5p	3.8p	8.0p
Interim Dividend	2.5p	2.0p	-

These results are based on 11.5 million ordinary shares in issue at 31.3.86. The results are unaudited and are subject to audit and to the final dividend decision of the directors.

GREAT PORTLAND ESTATES
PROPERTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

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General Accident

NINE-MONTHS' RESULTS

The results for the nine months ended 30th September 1986 estimated and unaudited are compared below with those for the similar period in 1985, which are restated at 31st December 1985 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1985.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	9 Months to 30.9.86 £ millions	9 Months to 30.9.85 Estimate £ millions	Year 1985 Actual £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	1,600.0	1,236.6	1,691.3
Long Term Business	142.5	156.3	205.0
	1,742.5	1,392.9	1,896.3
Investment Income	218.4	187.9	256.7
Underwriting			
General Business Result	(134.5)	(183.2)	(237.0)
Long Term Business Profits	7.2	6.5	8.8
Less Interest on Loans	91.1	11.2	28.5
	1.7	1.5	2.0
Profit before Taxation	89.4	9.7	26.5
Taxation - UK and Overseas	5.4	(5.9)	(10.0)
Minority Interests and Preference Dividend	1.5	1.6	2.0
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	82.5	14.0	34.5
Earnings per Ordinary Share	45.1p	8.3p	20.5p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.45
Canada	\$2.01	\$2.02	\$2.02

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT
(before internal reinsurance)

	9 months to 30.9.86		9 months to 30.9.85	
	Premium Income	Underwriting Result	Premium Income	Underwriting Result
U.K.	531.2	(48.9)	414.6	(58.6)
U.S.A.	602.3	(55.7)	501.3	(82.7)
EEC other than U.K.	100.9	(15.7)	82.3	(12.2)
Canada	197.8	(5.4)	104.7	(18.9)
Australia	26.9	(3.6)	25.0	(2.3)
Others, including London Market Business	140.9	(5.2)	108.7	(8.5)
	1,600.0	(134.5)	1,236.6	(183.2)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 29.4% and 16.2% respectively. The 1986 figures include the results of Pilot Insurance of Canada for the first time. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations and Pilot the increases were 22.2% and 10.4% respectively.

In the third quarter there were underwriting losses of £36.2m (1985 £53.3m loss) of which £12.1m (1985 £15.3m) occurred in the United Kingdom and £11.4m (1985 £25.9m) in the United States. In the aggregate other territories produced underwriting losses of £8.7m (1985 £14.1m loss). The pre tax profit for the quarter amounted to £38.9m (1985 £11.9m profit).

For the nine months in the United Kingdom there was a loss of £48.9m (1985 £58.6m loss). Losses in the Motor account increased to £26.3m (1985 £11m loss). Improvement in the Homeowners account was maintained with a profit for the quarter reducing the loss to £8.9m (1985 £9.4m loss). Experience in the Commercial Property Account was similar to that for the half year with a nine month loss of £9.6m (1985 £21.5m loss).

For the nine months net premiums written in the United States totalled \$873m (1985 \$727m) with an operating ratio of 108.76% as compared with 116.41% for the same period in 1985. On the United Kingdom accounting basis the underwriting loss was £53.7m (1985 £82.7m loss). Improvement was seen in all lines except Private Auto where results were little changed from 1985.

Elsewhere there were aggregate losses of £29.9m (1985 £41.9m loss). There was continued improvement in many territories including Canada. The Australian result shows deterioration having been influenced by large fire and weather related claims. Results in Netherlands and New Zealand deteriorated as did Ireland which was affected by storm damage in the quarter.

New annual life premiums for life business in the United Kingdom in the first nine months of 1986 were £21.9m (1985 £19.7m), and single premiums £22.9m (1985 £43.4m).

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COMPANY NEWS

SIME DARBY BERHAD: SD Holding Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SDB, has entered into an agreement with United Estate Projects for the purchase of the entire issued and paid-up share capital of Subang Jaya Medical Centre, comprising 20.62 million ordinary shares of 10c each (81.00 or 69p) each, for a total cash consideration of \$2.268 million.

PLANTATION TRUST COMPANY: Williamson Tea Holdings has purchased a further 25,000 ordinary shares. Its total interest is now 330,000 ordinary shares (7.57 per cent).

BULKERS: The company has entered into a conditional agreement to acquire Loggans Fine Arts, a manufacturer and retailer of framed pictures, framed mirrors and wardrobe mirror doors, for a total consideration comprising an initial £1.025 million.

TABMAC: Tarmac Building Products has purchased BF Aquasol, which had net assets of about £7 million at the end of 1985. Aquasol, based at Kingsnorth, Kent, produces and markets roofing felt, lag matting and a complete range of bituminous and other solutions and compounds used in the building industry.

RAJIVA-REPOLA OY: Mr Tarmo Mäkelä has been appointed managing director and president of the group from January 1987.

MILFORD DOCKS COMPANY: The board announced it has received an approach from a third party which could lead to a merger.

GREAT PORTLAND ESTATES: Dividend payable January 14.

CHARKTERHALL: The company, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, has acquired further shares in Lookers and is now beneficially interested in 1,220,000 shares (4.96 per cent). Total cash consideration for further shares was about £200,000.

GORDON RUSSELL: County Securities announces the placing of 2,900,000 ordinary shares of 3p each at 190p. At the placing price Gordon Russell is capitalized at £17.3 million. Dealings are expected to commence on November 19. Brokers to the issue are Rowe and Pluman. The new shares will raise about £2.6 million after expenses and will be used to reduce bank borrowings.

CRONITE GROUP: No dividend (nil) for the year to September 30. Figures in £000s. Turnover 16,769 (18,787). Profit 1,010 (795). Interest 406 (387). No tax (nil). Earnings per share 10.4p (7.3p). Fully diluted earnings per share 8.6p (6.4p).

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
N York 1.4245-1.4375	November 12	0.61-0.59p	1.85-1.81p
Montreal 1.9735-2.0000	November 12	0.78-0.76p	2.15-2.12p
Amst 2.28-2.2775	November 12	1.14-1.13p	3.45-3.42p
Brussels 57.87-59.57	November 12	22-17p	62-54p
London 10.87-10.8650	November 12	1.14-1.13p	3.45-3.42p
Paris 193.65-194.42	November 12	1.09-1.08p	3.20-3.18p
Frankfurt 2.2525-2.2150	November 12	1.14-1.13p	3.45-3.42p
Madrid 171.57-171.56	November 12	1.14-1.13p	3.45-3.42p
Geneva 193.65-194.42	November 12	1.09-1.08p	3.20-3.18p
Basel 193.65-194.42	November 12	1.09-1.08p	3.20-3.18p
Stockholm 1.9735-2.0000	November 12	0.78-0.76p	2.15-2.12p
Copenhagen 2.28-2.2775	November 12	1.14-1.13p	3.45-3.42p
Helsinki 2.28-2.2775	November 12	1.14-1.13p	3.45-3.42p
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OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.6228-1.6300
Australia dollar	2.2022-2.2126
Bahrain dinar	0.3200-0.3210
Brazil cruzeiro	20.00-20.15
Cyprus pound	0.7350-0.7450
Dutch guilder	5.3400-5.3500
French franc	196.70-198.70
German DM	11.1483-11.1589
Hong Kong dollar	7.75-7.76
Indian rupee	18.50-18.70
Irish dollar	0.78-0.79
Kuwait dirham	0.4175-0.4215
Malaysian dollar	3.70-3.71
Mexico peso	118.0-123.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7425-2.7550
South African rand	3.2148-3.2317
U.S.A. dollar	1.4245-1.4375
Lloyds Bank	1.425-1.427

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Canada	1.3650-1.3665
France	6.5575-6.5625
Germany	1.8745-1.8755
Japan	180.0-180.50
Netherlands	6.6075-6.6125
Switzerland	2.2030-2.2040
U.K.	0.78-0.79
U.S.A.	1.00-1.00

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	88.98	89.59	88.24	89.00	747
Mar 86	89.30	89.81	88.04	89.00	747
Jun 86	89.30	89.81	88.04	89.00	413
Sep 86	89.21	89.25	89.21	89.00	168
Dec 86	N/T	N/T	N/T	89.53	0
Mar 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	89.53	0
Jun 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	89.53	0
Sep 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	89.53	0

Previous day's total open interest 12501

Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	93.89	93.93	93.59	93.92	2457
Mar 86	93.90	93.94	93.56	93.94	2592
Jun 86	93.91	93.95	93.79	93.93	456
Sep 86	93.95	93.95	93.95	93.95	254
Dec 86	93.95	93.95	93.95	93.95	505
Mar 87	93.95	93.95	93.95	93.95	2893
Jun 87	93.95	93.95	93.95	93.95	0
Sep 87	93.95	93.95	93.95	93.95	0

Previous day's total open interest 825

Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	108.28	109.01	108.16	108.20	17756
Mar 86	108.29	109.01	108.22	108.25	178
Jun 86	108.29	109.01	108.22	108.25	0
Sep 86	108.29	109.01	108.22	108.25	0
Dec 86	108.29	109.01	108.22	108.25	0
Mar 87	108.29	109.01	108.22	108.25	4

Previous day's total open interest 2889

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	125p	100p	#25	£19
Applied (125p)	158	240	80	331 +1
Ave Europe (25p)	42 +1 1/2	198 -2	122	185
BEI (25p)	198 -2	122	185	185
Bellor Harris (170p)	122	185	185	185
Berry/Barr/Robb (110p)	122	185	185	185
British Electric (125p)	148	185	185	185
Blelloch/Blelloch (100p)	148	185	185	185
Brake Bros (125p)	152	185	185	185
Citygrove (100p)	152	185	185	185
Castle Southern (135p)	172 +1	180	180	180
Guthrie Corp (150p)	172 +1	180	180	180
Harrison (150p)	172 +1	180	180	180
Interim Europe (185p)	218 +2	180	180	180
Long Ass. Inv Tr (14c)	5 1/2	180	180	180
Lloyds Chemist (100p)	125	180	180	180
Marborough Tech (110p)	133 +1	180	180	180
Meca Leisure (115p)	153 +2	180	180	180
Miller & Santrose (100p)	184 +2	180	180	180
Newage Trans (75p)	72 +1	180	180	180
Quarto (115p)	130	180	180	180
Rendell (150p)	98 +3	180	180	180
Sandell Perints (185p)	178	180	180	180

RIGHTS ISSUES

Balfour F/P	148 +4
Blue Arrow N/P	55 -10
Br. Benzell N/P	90 -1
Brook Kent F/P	90 -1
Elwick N/P	1 1/2
FR Group N/P	23 -3
Norfolk Cap F/P	57 -3
Redland N/P	57 -3
Siebo F/P	375 +6

(Issue prices in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Dealings	For Settlement
Oct 20	Oct 31	Jan 22	Feb 2
Nov 3	Nov 14	Feb 5	Feb 16
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Feb 28

Call options were taken out on 12/11/86 Control Secs., Turner & Newall, Amstrad, Presswick, Oliver Bros., Downhams Hops., J. Williams, Hambros, Ultramar, Theobald, J.F.S., Southern Steam, Penney, Fobst, Helical Bar, London Int., Thurgar Barling, New Court, J. Wilkes, S & U Stores.

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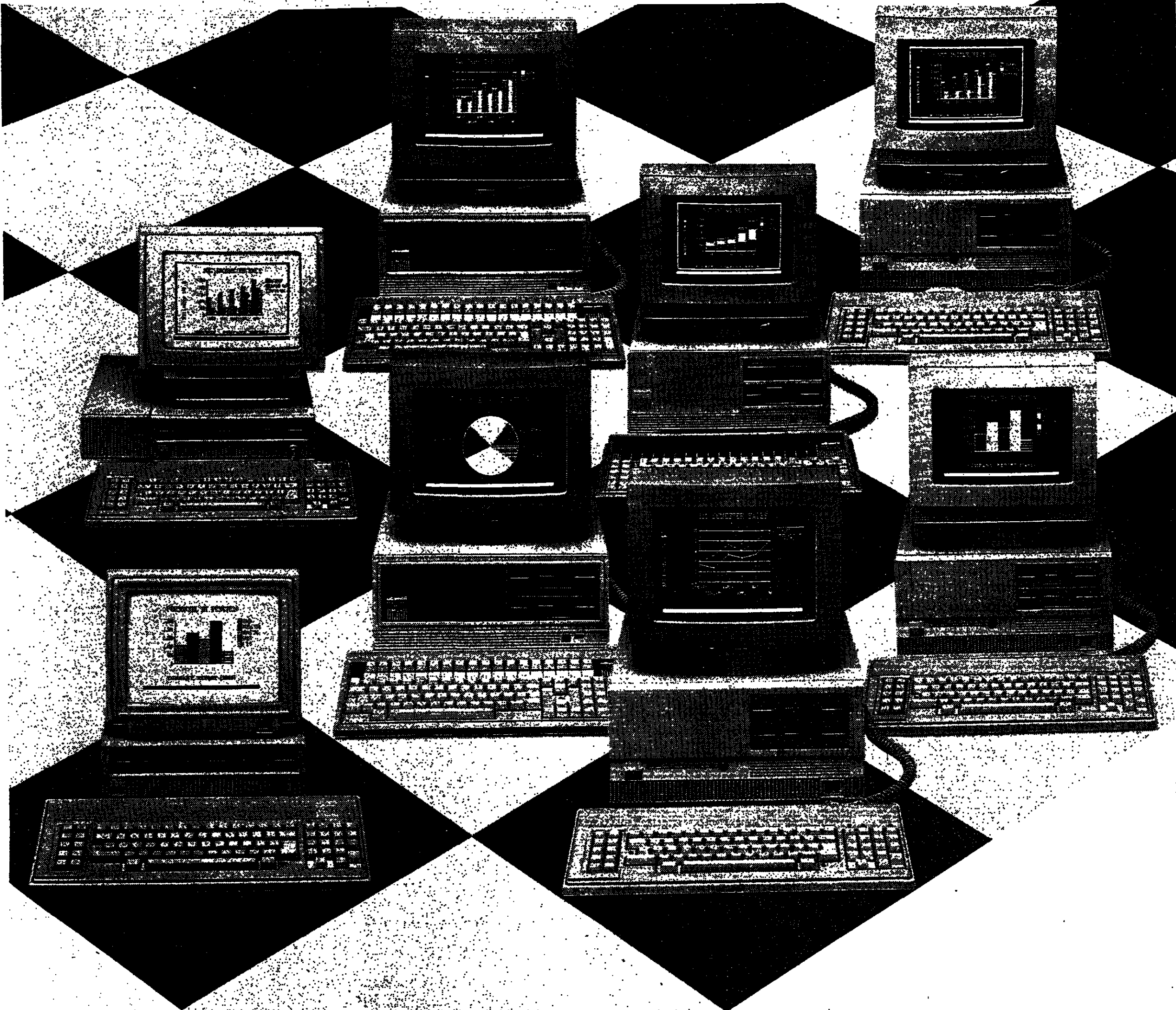
EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	3 1/2-5 1/2
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3 month	3 1/2-5 1/2
6 month	3 1/2-5 1/2
12 month	3 1/2-5 1/2
Swiss franc	4 1/2-6 1/2
7 days	4 1/2-6 1/2
3 month	4 1/2-6 1/2
6 month	4 1/2-6 1/2
12 month	4 1/2-6 1/2
Yen	4 1/2-6 1/2
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Breweries stock price table with columns for No, Company, Group, Code, High, Low, Open, Close, Div, Yield, P/E

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Buildings and Roads stock price table with columns for No, Company, Group, Code, High, Low, Open, Close, Div, Yield, P/E

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

November 13, 1986

As a head-hunter myself, it comes as no surprise to me that some companies and their consultants are prepared at least to consider legalistic ways of "beating the poacher". Consequently, there is a small but significant movement of opinion in favour of introducing restrictive clauses into top managers' employment contracts. Head-hunters deliberately seek out the very best executives, particularly those already doing well and achieving success. Employers quite naturally feel threatened by this strategy, because, unlike, say, advertised vacancies, it does not rely on any initiative on the part of the employee, stimulated, for example, by boredom or unhappiness. And, by and large, employers accept that dissatisfied staff, if their problems cannot be resolved, are best allowed to leave gracefully.

However, with head-hunting, even the contented, busy man or

woman may be approached if good enough. But what is often overlooked by the anxious employer is that for every 20 approaches made to individuals, only one is going to lead to a career change. People are also naturally loyal - looked-after managers do not move unless the advantages are substantial indeed.

Furthermore, the adoption by companies of special contractual arrangements - so-called restrictive covenants - to fend off head-hunters by deterring key staff from leaving, has actually had rather limited success outside the statutory monopolies such as (ironically) the legal profession itself. Certainly a covenant couched in obtuse legal jargon stands little chance of being "sold" to individuals. But even if a cosmetically more appealing covenant is drawn up, are such legal agreements necessarily good for employees or good for their employers?

After all, for every company that loses an employee, another



Restrictions such as contracts to fend off head-hunting should be replaced by company rewards, says John Richards

one gains. And new staff generally equal good news, not bad, as they should bring a fresh approach and new ideas to the organization. The recent staffing-up in the City is a case in point, as financial institutions seek out the innovators in their fields to introduce major operational and strategic changes. Building societies, insurance companies and banks have been deliberately recruiting innovative,

more risk-taking men and women with sound commercial skills who can successfully take an organization into the new markets opened up next year. Evidence for this can be found in the recent wave of "deck-clearing" redundancy programmes by banks and building societies to make room for younger, more aggressive executives. Indeed, I would predict the slow

demise of the home-grown manager in this sector and instead expect many financial institutions to be contributing to, and hiring from, a common pool of senior and even middle management.

But by preventing the movement of such employees - attracted by advertised vacancies, head-hunted or otherwise - contractual arrangements are bound to create inertia and prevent natural management evolution taking place. After all, training home-grown managers takes time and sometimes head-hunting from outside is the only effective way of filling the gap.

Ultimately, restrictive clauses are an artificial way of keeping good staff. The "golden handcuffs" of company pensions have done enough to block the mobility of executives in Britain compared with their US counterparts. Restrictive covenants will only exacerbate this problem by introducing yet another means of

clamping individuals to the organizational wheel. Management recruitment practice in the United States is hardly a panacea for all our ills, but the Americans' hire-and-fire practice does at least ensure that individual managers stay on their toes and up to date in their fields. Not surprisingly, restrictive covenants are practically unheard of in the United States, and a healthy head-hunting industry has not harmed US companies either.

Contractual barriers to stop people leaving are also an exceedingly lazy way of managing *la crème de la crème*. If companies want to hang on to precious staff, should they not be thinking about more carrot and less stick? Or, to adapt a marketing phrase, giving "more pull and less push"?

So rather than bringing in the lawyers, employers worried about losing key executives should take a

long hard look at their reward structures. Our experience has shown that the good old-fashioned rewards for *proven success* - regular pay reviews, profit-sharing and incentive schemes - continue to be extremely powerful motivational tools.

Equally important is the need to develop flexible career structures and an "organizational culture" that inspires voluntary - not enforced - commitment to the firm.

Inevitably, in time, various high-calibre staff, across a range of management functions, will move on - some after a relatively short period but most after at least five years' service. Recognizing this, companies should not despair, nor should they seek legal protection. After all, someone *even better* may just be waiting to be snapped up.

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The Steering Committee set up to have oversight of the establishment of the new Institute now invites applications for the post of Institute Director, which will be based in Aberdeen.

The Institute will be funded by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland within the Agricultural and Food Research Service. It will conduct a programme of research on agricultural and related land uses in the hills, uplands and marginal areas of Britain. There will be a particular emphasis on interactions and systems development, so as to provide the basis for resource management decisions taking account of environmental, economic and social inter-relationships. In addition, the Institute will characterise the soil resources of lowland Scotland. The Institute will be expected to collaborate closely with a range of other research organisations and to seek appropriate contract research.

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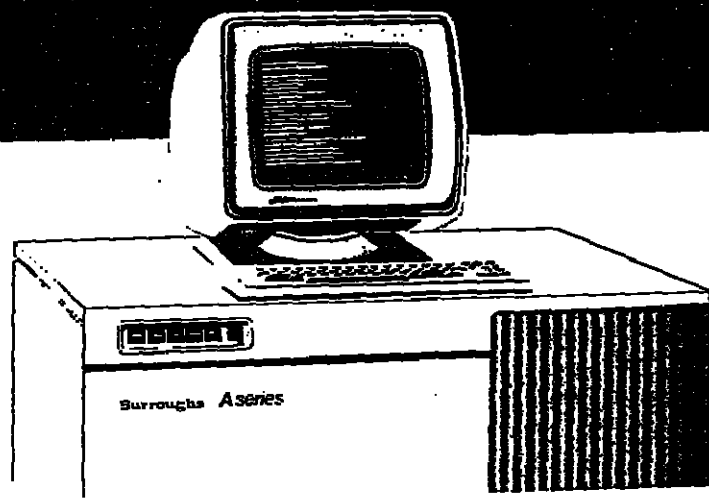
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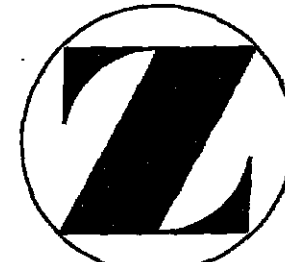
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An immense variety of tasks in a day's work

variety of tasks in a day's work. They might have to advise a machine operator on the hazards of using a machine in a certain way or talk to a trade union representative about concerns which their members share on the problems of safety in specific situations.

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Generalist inspectors are recruited from honours degree graduates of any discipline. There is a definite preference for those with some industrial experi-

The importance of high safety standards in British industry is greater than ever. Neil Harris examines the role of inspectors in the Health and Safety Executive

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Each of the twenty one offices has its own specialist area - the London office, for example, is expert in the safety problems encountered within the printing industry - and during their first two years trainees are expected to work in two or three different offices to broaden their knowledge.

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The Health and Safety Executive may be responsible for inspecting, determining what are adequate standards of safety and enforcing the law, but the responsibility for ensuring a safe working environment and one which does not threaten the population close to their plant rests firmly with industry.

Until recently the job of safety officer in industry was often given to someone nearing retirement age or as a sideways move for someone whose career was not likely to progress.

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Safety officers hold the line managers responsible for the safety of their patch and are primarily concerned with fire, mechanical and electrical safety, transport of toxic substances and the safety of vehicles. They also concern themselves with the behaviour of staff which is not always conducive to good safety practice.

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Change is on the way in the safety world. Next year the Department of the Environment is to take over responsibility for environmental protection. This will include air and water pollution, radiation in the atmosphere and the disposal of hazardous waste materials.

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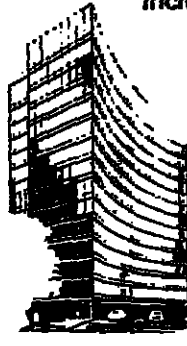
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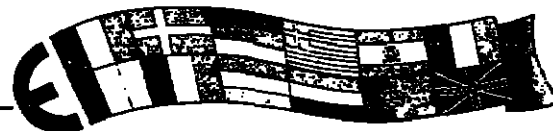
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Forward another Australian to beat

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GOLF
Harwood another Australian to beat

Melbourne (AFP) - Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, is the only man given much of a chance of topping Greg Norman, the defending champion...

Although they did not face each other in the Nissan Cup in Tokyo last week, the 28-year-old Langer scored a lower four-round score than Norman...

He pointed to a quality Australian entry which includes Harwood, his PGA counterpart Wayne Smith, who had his first professional win last week in the Victorian PGA...

Benefit for disabled sportsmen

Some of Britain's top sportsmen and sportswomen will be coming to the aid of their disabled counterparts at the Players' Theatre, Villiers St, Westminster, tonight.

Richard Dodds, the England hockey captain, Herol Graham, the European middleweight boxing champion, and the world women's snooker champion Alison Fisher, will be among those helping to raise money for equipment and uniforms...

Court of Appeal

Standard of proof in contempt cases

Dean v Dean
Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Neill
[Judgment November 10]
The appropriate standard of proof to be applied in committal proceedings for civil contempt of court was the criminal standard, namely, proof beyond reasonable doubt.

Third party deception fatal to immigrant's case

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khalid
Before Mr Justice Otton
[Judgment November 7]
Where an applicant discovered that his entry into the United Kingdom was obtained through a deception by a third party, he was not entitled to remain and was an illegal entrant in breach of section 33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971...

SQUASH RACKETS: IRON MAN OF THE CIRCUIT FIGHTS BACK FROM INJURY TO CONQUER JAHANGIR
Norman's irrepressible ambition

From Colin McQuillan, Toulouse

The story of Ross Norman's return to top competition after a severe knee injury is a much-loved tale among professionals in a sport in which injury frequently spells oblivion.

Norman, aged 27, is the professionals' professional. A calm, quiet man of almost wispily blond appearance and friendly character off the court, he takes to the squash arena with cold determination...

"I had reached world No. 8 previously without really trying," he said. "But I lay in that ward watching smashed-up motorcyclists wheeled past me in pieces day after day and I promised myself at least fourth world ranking if the surgeons put me together again."

"I have always looked for fun and adventure. That was why I went parachuting that summer. Other years it was skiing or scuba diving. But in London Hospital, looking at a leg wasted to skin and bone, I came to the conclusion that professionalism required a more serious approach."

Released somewhat reluctantly by the surgeons, Norman set himself a daunting training schedule. He has played squash since his father, a retired airline pilot, built a couple of commercial courts at Whitnash, near Auckland, and gave him an old tennis racket with which to knock a squash ball about.

Through the autumn of 1984 and into the following year he worked eight hours a day with weights and racket, often also ghosting on darkened courts at clubs near his permanent home in Heathrow, London, to build back the muscle lost in traction and the fitness left in a hospital bed.

By February of 1985 he was strong enough to reach the semi-finals of the French Open. By October he was world No. 2 with a clutch of major titles in his bag and an uncompromising determination in his heart to overturn Jahangir.



Winning form: Ross Norman displays the power and persistence that led to Jahangir Khan's defeat

competition has taught Norman how to fill a squash court well beyond his natural physique. Through the autumn of 1984 and into the following year he worked eight hours a day with weights and racket, often also ghosting on darkened courts at clubs near his permanent home in Heathrow, London, to build back the muscle lost in traction and the fitness left in a hospital bed.

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Norman success inspires the American Express champions
Cannons raze West Country

By a Special Correspondent

Ross Norman's victory over Jahangir Khan in Toulouse on Tuesday obviously had an inspiring effect on his team colleagues at Inter-City Cannons.

Last season's American Express premier league champions were on their way to a tricky away fixture against Halls West Country in Weston-super-Mare when news reached them that Norman, who had won all nine of his matches for the club in their run to the title, had inflicted on the Pakistanis his first defeat since April of 1981.

The Cannons squad duly celebrated with a 4-1 win, highlighted by performances from their coach, Neil Harvey, who recovered from two games down to defeat Robert Owen, and from the four-times British under-23 champion, Jamie Hickox, who overturned the international pecking order with a fine victory over the world No. 1, Jan Ulf Soderberg.

Hickox and Soderberg will be better able than most to appreciate the magnitude of Norman's achievement in France. They were both beaten

described his quarter-final defeat of Soderberg as his best single performance for some three years.

Chris Dittmar, who had defeated Ross Thorpe, the world No. 4, to reach the semi-finals in London, repeated that victory to give Visco Monroe, of Wakefield, their first win of the current A&A campaign.

At the other end of the table, Phil Kenyon, the England No. 1, led Poundstretcher's triumph over the fifth seeds in as many matches. Kenyon beat a fellow-Lancastrian, David Pearson, to clinch a 3-2 home win for the league leaders.

RESULTS: Halls West Country (Weston-super-Mare) 1, Inter-City Cannons (London) 4; Home Alan Nottingham 2, South Hill (Cochester) 2; Ross Norman (Whitnash) 2, Poundstretcher's Durrant 3; East Grinstead 3, Chapel Allerton 2; Manchester Northern 3, Scot Lancaster 2. League positions: 1, Durrant 23; 2, Loughran 26; 3, Manchester 26; 4, Cannon 28; 5, Cannon 28; 6, Nottingham 15; 7, West Country 14; 8, Norman 10; 9, Ardleigh Hall 9; 10, Arrow Wings 2.

Court of Appeal

Breach of duty to another's worker

Regina v Mara
Before Lord Justice Parker, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Macpherson
[Judgment November 5]
Where machinery belonging to a cleaning and maintenance company was left at a store which the company was under contract to clean, and the company agreed that employees of the store could use the company's machines for part of the cleaning, the director of the company was in breach of his duty under section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 when because of a fault in a cable one of the employees of the store was electrocuted while using one of the company's machines.

Custody order before reports was wrong

In re W (a Minor)
A judge was plainly wrong in law in giving the interim custody, care and control of three young girls to their mother, against whom serious allegations had been made by the father's father, without having heard evidence or received reports from a welfare officer.

MOTOR RACING
Tyrrell take pole position for the new Ford engine

By John Blunsden

The Ford V-8 Formula One engine which dominated grand prix racing for 16 years after its debut in 1967, will be making a return to the circuit next season in a new guise.

Brian Lewis, who has been on the technical staff of the Tyrrell team since the 1960s, has been appointed chief engineer with overall responsibility for design and development, while Maurice Philippe, his Tyrrell's chief designer, is being retained as senior design engineer in charge of special projects.

Since Ken Tyrrell's team has been sponsored by Data General, the international computer company have been installing computer-aided design and manufacturing equipment at the team's headquarters in Ockham, Surrey, and next year will be the first Tyrrell to benefit from this latest type of design technology.

Ken Tyrrell has been through a difficult period in recent years as a grand prix team owner before securing the right call on sponsorship and technical backup, but now it begins to look as though the tide has finally turned for him.

FISHING
The Goddard flies in the face of progress

By Conrad Voss Bark

One English trout fly pattern, and only one, did we see during a three-week fishing trip to the American west, to the rivers of Montana and Wyoming. We call it the G and H Hedge. The Americans, who know nothing of sedge, call it the Goddard.

What a surprise and pleasure it was to walk into a fly tackle shop in West Yellowstone, a frontier town in the Rockies, to be told by the guide who was to take us fishing the Juntura Fork of the Snake River, "You'll want the Goddard and the Elk Hair if the caddis are hatching."

There it was, an old friend from the English reservoirs, the G and H Hedge, designed some 20 years ago by John Goddard and Cliff Henry, seen in dozens, even hundreds, of patterns of American dry flies, all of which were strangers.

A good many of the American flies were dressed with materials which were new to us. In the dubbing there were very little signs of hare's ear or seal's fur. The wings of spinners we made

of polymers, synthetic materials which are by-products from the oil refineries. Multi-strand fibres marketed as Antron and Fly-Rite are being used more and more. Other new ones are coming on the market.

American inventiveness has already had a considerable influence over here. Their lead-headed jigs and muddlers are seen everywhere on English reservoirs. Will the new materials be now using for their dry flies ultimately change our patterns, or will they be limited to terms, some of which date back to Charles Cotton and beyond? It is an interesting speculation.

One thing is certain. It is now, for the first time, possible to tie Charles Cotton's Blue Dun without using a single natural material. The blue is being matched by man-made materials. Matched? Some would say improved, because of the inbuilt sparkle which is lacking in a natural fur dubbing. How long natural materials are going to survive is a question that can now seriously be considered.

Court of Appeal

Reasonable endeavours less onerous

UBH (Mechanical Services) Ltd v Standard Life Assurance Co
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RUGBY UNION

Smith at the centre of all things bright for Middlesex

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Middlesex 41 Eastern Counties 19

Middlesex, to no one's surprise, became the first of this season's Thom EMI County Championship semi-finalists by virtue of their win at the Wasps' ground yesterday.

It must have been particularly pleasing for Sumner to open the scoring on the ground where he used to play, breaking the tackles of Lozowski and Rigby in only the second minute.

Middlesex spent an agonisingly long time in the second half trying to work their forwards over in the right-hand corner.

After sharing the line-out in the first half, they dominated it, largely through O'Leary, in the second and always had too much weight and savor fair for Counties in the loose.

Old will play for Northumberland

Alan Old, the former England stand-off half and mainspring behind Yorkshire's successes of a few seasons ago, is to make his Thom EMI county championship debut for Northumberland on Saturday (David Hands writes).

Dooley's withdrawal from the stand-off half in favour of his club, Fylde, who have a national merit table C game against Metropolitan Police.

Mark Hamilton, the Sale back row forward, has also been forced out by a shoulder injury and Owell, yet again, supply the replacement in David Cleary.

Old, aged 41, was the Rugby Football Union's northern technical administrator before Ian Dee took over the reins.

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Bainbridge and Wade Dooley, who were injured during last weekend's game against Northumberland, are expected to play for Gosforth against, ironically enough, Old's club, Morpeth.

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Battle for supremacy: The Middlesex and Eastern Counties forwards lock horns yesterday (Photograph: Peter Llewellyn)

Toulouse pair win key role

By David Hands

New Zealand will field the same team against France in Nantes on Saturday that won the first international between the two countries in Toulouse last weekend.

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Bishop tries legal action to lift ban

By David Hands

The former Welsh rugby international, David Bishop, and the club he plays for, Pontypool, are to take an historic High Court action against the Welsh Rugby Union in an attempt to secure an independent review of the player's 11-month ban from the game.

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Intriguing final prospects

By George Ace

The Ulster selectors will meet on Saturday week to name the side to oppose Leinster in the Inter-Provincial decider at Ravenhill a week later.

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Owen's punishment

By David Hands

The Bridgend captain and Wales lock, Adrian Owen, has been banned for 22 weeks after being sent off for kicking the Bristol centre, Simon Hogg, in a game at Bridgend earlier this month.

It will be the first time a player has taken the game's ruffing body in Wales to court over a disciplinary decision.

Estevé damaged a thigh playing on the wing for his club, Lavelanet, in a championship match on Sunday.

Bonneval plays on the wing outside Charvet for his club and his defensive qualities reached a new height against New Zealand with a corner flag tackle on John Kirwan, which was one of the highlights of the game.

Mark Hamilton, the Sale back row forward, has also been forced out by a shoulder injury and Owell, yet again, supply the replacement in David Cleary.

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HOCKEY

Cambridge profit through skill at short corners

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University ... 3 Hockey Association XI ... 1

Cambridge University's well laid schemes at short corners earned them a decisive victory over the Hockey Association XI in their annual match at Bisham Abbey yesterday.

Yesterday's victory enabled Cambridge to maintain a run of five successive victories. They had won four matches in a row in the London League and recovered their composure yesterday after being a goal down at half time.

The Hockey Association team, drawn mainly from the England Under-21 squad, suffered from a lack of understanding because they were short of match practice.

With barely two minutes to go Cambridge forced their sixth short corner of this period and Shaifq ended a hectic scramble by pushing the ball into goal.

For Cambridge, Slimmon had an outstanding game as sweeper and he rescued his side from trouble in the eighth minute when he saved near the line at a short corner well struck by Hazlett.

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Fluctuating fortunes of the doubles game

By William Stephens

John Preen and Thomas Brudenell defeated James Male and Stephen Tulley in a marathon semi-final of fluctuating fortunes in the Invitation Doubles tournament, sponsored by Celestion Loudspeakers, at Queen's Club on Tuesday evening.

Preen, the former world champion, dominated the first game but allowed Male, the amateur champion, to seize the initiative. Male gained control of the front of the court where he took the ball early, driving it crisply and low to a length.

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ARA secretary to retire

By Jim Raitton

David Lunn-Rockliffe, aged 62, executive secretary of the Amateur Rowing Association, yesterday announced his intention to retire by the end of next year.

Mr Lunn-Rockliffe, who has held his post since 1976, said: "I am coming to the end of a long and successful career and I will not be available to carry these further projects through to completion."

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WEIGHTLIFTING: A RECORD-SETTING PERFORMANCE



Iron curtain man of iron: Boris Gidikov, of Bulgaria, lifts 168.50kg to break the world snatch record in the 75kg class during the world championships in Sofia yesterday

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) Chicago Bulls, 112, Atlanta Hawks, 110; New York Knicks, 114, Boston Celtics, 110; Houston Rockets, 110, San Antonio Spurs, 95; Phoenix Suns, 111, Phoenix Suns, 105; Milwaukee Bucks, 102, Indiana Pacers, 94; Utah Jazz, 104, Dallas Mavericks, 102; Los Angeles Clippers, 115, Denver Nuggets, 112; Portland Trail Blazers, 105, Golden State Warriors, 10

CRICKET: ENGLAND SHOULD NOTE THE NEED TO SAVE SOMETHING FOR A RAINY DAY AS PREPARATIONS WIND DOWN

A case of practice and more practice as a new Test series opens

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Brisbane

On recent evidence, the side which loses the toss in the first Test match between England and Australia, starting tomorrow, will need to be saved by rain. Such has been the overwhelling advantage since the mid-seventies of having the chance to bowl first while the pitch is still green and fresh, on the Woolloongabba Ground.

The figures speak for themselves. In the last eight Tests to have been played here, all at this time of year, seven sides have put the opposition in, of whom six have won easily. When, in 1983, Pakistan departed from the now accepted practice by opting to bat, they were bowled out for 156, to which Australia replied with 509 for seven. And the pitch for the start of these latest "ashes for the Ashes" — the name given to them by the Packer lot — was just as thickly grassed yesterday as all the others must have been.

Cricket, I know, is not the predictable game I am making it sound. But, in Brisbane, an awful lot does seem to have come to depend on the spin of a coin. Last November, New Zealand, given the chance to field first, soon had Australia out for 179; the year before that, West Indies did the same for 175. It is twelve years since a side batting first reached 300 in the first innings of a Brisbane Test, and nine Test matches since they won one.

In such circumstances, both sides may be expected to say a prayer as the toss is being made tomorrow, and to weight their attacks with seam and swing. The places most in doubt in the England side are the opening partner for Broad (whether Atkey or Slack), the wicket-keeper (whether Richards or French), and the fourth fast bowler (whether Small or Foster). It is more likely in each case to be the first of the two. I am sorry that Gower has not, by now, been made a tour selector, not because he is said to be in need of motivation but simply out of consideration.

With such concern over the batting, French may find himself passed over, as he used to be for Dowton, in the greater expectation of runs from Richards. If so, it will mean a first cap for Richards, something which DeFreitas, though not Whitaker, seems sure to win.

In his only first-class innings of the tour, Whitaker scored one of the two first-class hundreds to have been made. Yet, to fit him in tomorrow, would mean breaking up the Gattling-Lamb-Gower-Botham axis, which there is an understandable

Stewart dismisses Press claims

The England team manager, Mickey Stewart, defended the team's morale as they set out on the eve of the first Test match. He also dismissed reports of poor discipline as nonsense.

But England's 90-minute net session, at which some of their leading fast bowlers were present, contrasted sharply with Australia's vigorous workout yesterday.

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Picking over some old bones in Vulture Street

By Simon Wilde

It has to be said the oases are not propitious for England in the first Test match tomorrow. Indeed, it is not inappropriate that the Woolloongabba Ground, Brisbane, before recent modernisation Australia's state-of-the-art Test arena, should be situated in Vulture Street, because, for English cricket at any rate, it is as sinister as a graveyard.

England's playing record at the Gabba is disastrous. Since 1946, they have lost six matches, drawn three and won only one — against weakened opponents during the Packer period. Not only that, when playing there their batsmen fail in a manner which can only be described as a whole generally enjoy the smallest of luck.

their twelve intervening Test matches, Border talks warmly of his players' response to his captaincy. Bobby Simpson, Australia's recently appointed cricket manager and an undoubtedly shrewd influence, fosters the propaganda. It is Gattling's turn to try and rally his troops.

The shift was noticeable, I felt, in the way the two sides practised yesterday. While Australia had a thorough work-out at the Gabba, England gave anyone who wanted it the day off. In the event, all except DeFreitas, Dilley, Botham, Small and Broad chose to have a net. However, England have been practising, and I am assured they have not spared themselves, there seemed to me to be a need to keep at it, especially after such a poor performance against Western Australia, and to be seen to be doing so.

But, because absorbing Test series are as much about excitement as quality, I have high hopes for this one. The fact that it is possible to see it as being for Test cricket's wooden spoon as well as for the Ashes will soon be forgotten as two keenly matched sides strive for ascendancy.

It would be a pity if, at the very outset, the toss were to give one side or the other an unearned advantage but it obviously could, especially in weather such as yesterday, which was heavily clouded. That is another thing about Brisbane: you never know from one day to the next what the skies will bring — all the more reason, perhaps, why it would have been more sensible to have had a full practice yesterday.



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rather than England, who usually gain the swift psychological advantage at Brisbane. Before Lillee and Thomson were doing it, Lindwall and Miller were there to force England batsmen on to the back foot for the hurried stroke.

Not is England's present vulnerability at the top of the order anything new. They have only once made an effective start in the Gabba, in 1970-71 when Boycott and Laker put on 92 for the first wicket in a total of 466 comfortably England's best on the ground. Just two batsmen have scored centuries for England in Brisbane since 1936-37 and Greg (110 in 1974-75).

Cash hitch blocks Cohen deal

By Paul Newman

For non-League clubs the early rounds of the FA Cup offer financial rewards, national attention and the chance for their part-time players to pit their skills against professional footballers.

White Crusader wins and sails into third place

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

White Crusader has moved up to third place in the America's Cup elimination series. The British 12-metre had a sound win over Eagle, of the United States, in a light-weather race. Dennis Conner lost to the Canadians, his second defeat in successive days, and the British team moved up to take his place in the battle for the Louis Vuitton Cup.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Australian gulf is simply too wide

Perhaps all the cries of shock, horror, alarm and despondency about Great Britain's disasters against Australia are misplaced and exaggerated. It may be after all that Maurice Bamford, who took the veil, a red shield to South America in a red beard and dark spectacles to start a new life.

Football: Southport, Cup whipping boys, relish role of the underdog

By Paul Newman

The host will be firmly on the other foot on Saturday. Southport are through to the first round proper for the first time in eight years and Scunthorpe United, their fourth division hosts, will be the team facing the ignominy of defeat. Bryan Griffiths, Southport's manager, remembers what such matches are like, having been a Scunthorpe player himself in the early 1960s.

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RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY
Keith Macklin

Saints seek Elia deal
St Helens intend to make representations to the New Zealand Rugby League over Mark Elia, the centre three-quarter who arrived from New Zealand in mid-October with a hamstring injury and has yet to play a game for the Saints (Keith Macklin writes).
The St Helens secretary, Geoff Sutcliffe, said that no official complaint would be lodged, but the club would seek a reduction in Elia's fee, or an extension of his playing period in England. He is due to return home in late March.
Elia aggravated the injury playing on it at the end of the New Zealand season. His home body said they knew of the injury, but were told it was almost better when he flew to Britain.

FA CUP

Cash hitch blocks Cohen deal
The Scottish premier division side, Rangers, have been thwarted in their attempt to sign the Israeli captain, Avi Cohen, from Maccabi. The deal has broken down over the Tel Aviv club's demand for £130,000.
The defender, who was a colleague of the Glasgow club's player-manager, Graeme Souness, at Liverpool.
Colin Murphy has returned from a job in Saudi Arabia to provide the sort of opposition Southport County. The former Derby County and Lincoln City manager has a tough task ahead as Southport are anchored at the foot of the fourth division with only one win.
Luton Town will be taking their first team to Barnet on Monday to play in a testimonial match for Steve Mahoney. Mahoney, who joined Barnet six years ago from Hitchin Town, was leading scorer for two seasons but missed the whole of last term through injury. Now fit again, Mahoney has scored 10 goals in 13 games this season.
The Luton secretary, Graham Mackrell, aged 36, resigned yesterday after five years at Kenilworth Road. Mackrell, who was previously secretary at Bournemouth for seven years, is the fourth senior official to leave Luton in the last six months. David Pleat, the former manager, his assistant, Trevor Hartley, and the club's physiotherapist, John Sheridan, left to join Tottenham Hotspur in May.
Mackrell, who hopes to find another job in football, said he was leaving Luton because his career needed "a change of direction and a new challenge".
Middlesbrough, the third division leaders, have appointed Keith Lamb as their first chief executive. Lamb, aged 40, an accountant, has supported his home town club since his schoolboy days and played non-League football in the north-east.
ASCOLI: The Italian first division club, Ascoli, have dismissed their manager, Aldo Sensibile, following a string of defeats which has left the team in the lower half of the league with only six points from nine matches. Costantino Rozzi, the club's president, said yesterday that Sensibile will be replaced by Ilario Castagner, aged 46, a former manager of AC Milan and Inter-Milan.

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The match between Conner and the Toronto skipper, Terry Neilsen, aged 28, was the highlight of the day. The lead changed twice and Neilsen worked hard and sailed well for his win. He has hardened up since Harold Cudmore panicked him into losing the closest match in America's Cup history.
Conner won the start by 3sec but Canada II looked a better yacht in the soft but steady 11 mile breeze. At the top mark she was 31sec ahead of Stars and Stripes. Conner's decisions about where to sail looked erratic as they did yesterday against White Crusader. On the downhill run it was straight boatspeed from Canada II that put them 53sec ahead at the first leeward mark. Thereafter, the breeze freshened and Conner began to concentrate. The lead changed on the third beat after an immense tacking duel. At the top mark it was 18sec to Conner and hearts from Vancouver to Halifax began to sink.
Neilsen took 10 seconds out of the Stars and Stripes' lead downwind, gybing out to the edge of the course to find a better breeze. Up the final mark, in a much softer wind, the same tactics paid off. Neilsen worked the right side of the course like a veteran, never surrendering the advantage of coming to the line on starboard tack. At the finish he was 29sec in front of Conner and that was all that mattered for the jubilant Canadians.
Cudmore's win over the rapidly moulding Eagle was thorough. Crusader was more than 1min ahead at the top mark and she was able to increase that margin with every subsequent leg. Rod Davis never looked as if he had the boatspeed to challenge the British, whose yacht, although optimized for heavy weather, seems to have been pushing through the soft stuff better than most.
A new spar, to replace the one damaged last week, has just been flown to Perth. Meanwhile the stand-in mast taken from the spare yacht is proving surprising effective. "It's not as good as the wrecked mast but much better than I expected," Cudmore said. In practical terms the mainsail sets as well as with the 2000-series mast, but when you're crashing through waves it doesn't have such good tensile characteristics.
Racing finishes for White Crusader after today's race against French Kiss. The struggle in the coming two weeks is going to be against the Royal Perth Yacht Club and its interpretation that a new keel must be cast in the country of the syndicate's origin.
Ian Hovell's development programme for White Crusader calls for substantial changes underwater. If the new keel cannot be fabricated in Fremantle, it will have to be airfreighted from London.
Iain Murray, at the helm of Kookaburra III, pushed his yacht to a substantial lead at the head of the defender series after another solid win over Australia IV. Of the three encounters between them, two have gone to the Perry yacht. Murray's sailing has been near faultless. He seems an ideal blend of the cautious, conservative match-race helmsman and the risk-taker who can turn a lost race around.
Once again Kookaburra III looked to be sailing just that little fraction better than Australia IV. The variation of times on the different legs indicated that there was little to choose in breeze speed difference between the two yachts.
When the match began, the breeze had risen to 15 knots from just south of west. It was a pushy, aggressive starting sequence.
Both skippers Rogged their yachts hard up the first beat after Beahel had won the start by 4sec. As the breeze rounded and settled, Kookaburra III opened her sails and rounded the top mark 13sec in front.
The margin opened up steadily on the next two legs, a lead of 20sec at the second mark and then a beat. But as the breeze filtered in the mid-afternoon, so the 12-metre began to pull the seconds back. It is a puzzle that although Ben Lexcen and the syndicate executive director, Warren Jones, have consistently talked of Australia IV as the team's edge-of-weather yacht, she has almost revelled in the light stuff being served up off Fremantle.
Downwind Beahel was able to find something extra and at the 3rd leeward mark the gap was just one boatlength, around 10sec. Up the final wind Beahel knew he had no choice but to try something new, hunt out a fresh breeze, while Murray sailed conservatively and comfortably, hugging the right-hand side of the course.
Australia IV's gamble failed to come off and at the finish they were an enormous margin, 3min 18sec, behind the Perry yacht.
CHALLENGER SERIES RESULTS
Canada II at Stars and Stripes, 29sec; America II at Stars and Stripes, 1:18; White Crusader II at Eagle, 2:18; USA at Challenge France, 2:04; New Zealand at Eagle, 2:47; French Kiss at Azura, 2:58.
CHALLENGER SERIES STANDINGS
New Zealand 21 1 81
America II 20 2 58
White Crusader 17 5 41
Stars and Stripes 14 3 23
French Kiss 12 10 40
USA 11 11 27
Canada II 10 12 28
Challenge France 9 14 25
England 5 17 13
Azura 5 17 13
Challenge France 2 20 2
YOUNG RACERS' RESULTS v Azura, Eagle v Canada II, Challenge France v New Zealand, French Kiss v White Crusader, USA v Stars and Stripes v America II.
DEFENDER SERIES RESULTS
Kookaburra III at Australia IV, 5:00; Australia II at Stars, 1:02:00; Kookaburra III at South Australia, 1:01.
DEFENDER SERIES STANDINGS
W 1 17
Kookaburra III 131 7
Australia IV 113 14
Australia II 79 29
New Zealand 70 36
South Australia 211 7
Stars & Stripes 114 6
Stank & Kidney 114 6
YOUNG RACERS: Kookaburra III v Australia IV, South Australia v Stars & Stripes, Kookaburra III v Australia II.

Bryan Griffiths: "They have everything to lose."

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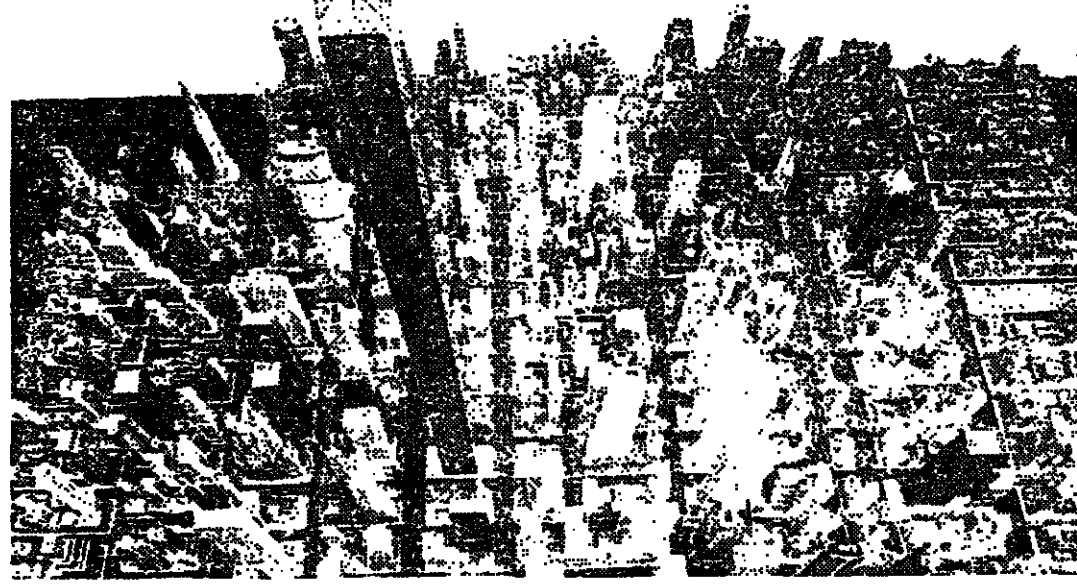
High society where the sky's the limit

Technicalities like wind pressure and structural stress are probably unavoidable in films like Skyscraper (Channel 4, 8.00pm), with which the Equinox season of popular science documentaries comes to an end. But nobody remains po-faced in Equinox for long and, sure enough, there are enthusiastic engineers and construction managers and architects in tonight's film who commend skyscrapers to us in sentiments we can all understand while not perhaps agreeing with. For example, they insist that tall thin girth is more fun to look at than short fat ones. And we are introduced to the short, fat, Jewish architect who categorizes flat-topped skyscrapers as circumsized, and those with more ornate tops as uncircumsized. There is a strong element of plus ça change in Karl Sabbagh's

verging-inducing film because it begins with views of some of San Geminiano's 70 medieval towers which the nobility put up to outdo one another, and ends with views of the twentieth century corporate HQ buildings which are no less a symbol of materialistic supremacy. As for the future of the skyscraper, the sky seems - literally - to be the limit. The tallest at present is the Sears Tower in Chicago, but plans are well advanced to build one twice as high in Manhattan. The layman needs some help in envisaging such a monster, and Equinox provides it. If the 500-storey skyscraper had its feet in London's Hyde Park, it would cast a shadow that would reach Camden Town. It comes as no surprise to learn that the name of the developer

who is ready to play this trump card is Trump. No Bag of Roses (BBC2, 8.20pm), this week's Brass Tactics documentary, is not at all encouraging about the new system we have devised for dealing with the mentally handicapped among us - taking them out of institutions and putting them back into the community. The philosophy behind it seems rock-solid. A caring society ought to have no place for the "warehousing" techniques to be found in many big mental hospitals. But, the film argues strongly, community care implies a caring community, and enough examples of public indifference and hostility are quoted tonight to make it clear that what works in theory does not necessarily work in practice. Overprotected in hospitals, too many patients end up being

underprotected in the community. The most distressing feature of the new experiment, reflected time and again in David Taylor's report, is that the heaviest weight of responsibility for the welfare of the discharged, mentally handicapped falls on their relatives, and that in the rush to protect the human rights of the patients, the rights of families are being overlooked. Radio choice: The Price of Advice (Radio 4, 8.10pm). John Howard's report on the work of the hard-pressed Citizens Advice Bureau, is a first-rate piece of radio journalism. There is a much detail about politics and hard-nosed economics as there is about the humanitarian instinct that makes the little-understood activities of these helping hands.



Things to come? Half-mile-high Manhattan skyscraper, Equinox, C4, 8.00pm

Peter Davalle

BBC1

- 6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 The Flintstones. Cartoon series. (r) 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Sough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 and 8.45; weather at 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55. 9.05 Package Tour. A 40 Minutes documentary following British holidaymakers returning to Benidorm. (r) 9.45 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald examines the social security appeals system. 10.00 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Philip Schofield with news of children's television programmes, and birthday greetings 10.30 Play School. (r) 10.55 Henry's Cat. (r) Five to Eleven. Alan Bennett with a thought for the day 1.00 Food and Drink. A repeat of Tuesday's programme which included chef Michael Quinn cooking for a week for two pensioners on the E25 they put aside for food. 11.35 Open Air. Viewers' comments. 12.25 Birdweek. Tony Soper and Nick Davis, with Bill Oddie, report live from the Wilford Trust, Stimbidge. 12.55 Regional news and weather. 1.00 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Weekday soap set in Melbourne suburb 1.50 Animal Fair with Don Spencer. 2.00 Film: 633 Squadron (1964) starring Cliff Robertson. Second World War drama about the RAF's attempts to destroy a seemingly impenetrable factory in Norway producing fuel for German V2 rockets. Directed by Walter E. Grauman. 3.30 The Pink Panther Show. Cartoons. 3.50 Scrag and his Tea-time. Telety 4.05 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version. (r) 4.10 Sebastian the Incredible Drawing Dog. Michael

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- 2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's highlights of the State Opening of Parliament. Introduced by Glyn Mathias. 2.30 Film: If I Were King (1938) starring Ronald Colman as the 15th-century poet Francois Villon, who saves Paris from invaders and then escapes the noose that has been promised for his neck. With Basil Rathbone and Ellen Drew. Directed by Frank Lloyd. 4.20 Cartoon. Woody Woodpecker in Bathing Buddies. 4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by Carol Paulton, from Leek, Staffordshire. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley assisted by Bill Tidy as adjudicator. 5.00 Charlie Chaplin Cavalcade (1984) A compilation of four comedies made up and starring Charlie Chaplin in 1916 - One A.M. in which he plays a drunk; The Pawnshop where he creates chaos; The Tramp who is an escalator; and The Modern Times in which he plays a waiter with a passion for roller skating. 6.30 Animal World presented by Trevor Hyatt. Ms Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, discusses Fleet Street and allied printing matters with Eddy Shah. 7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. Comment. With the view on a topical matter is Trevor Carter, a teacher and trade unionist. Weather. 8.00 Equinox: Skyscraper. This last programme in the series traces the technical developments that have led to the building of quarter mile high office blocks. (see Choice) 9.00 On Madeline. American domestic comedy series starring Madeline Kahn, with guest Johnny Mathis. 9.30 Film: Our Man in Havana (1959) starring Alec Guinness. Graham Greene's comedy thriller about a vacuum cleaner salesman in Cuba who decides to supplement his salary to accommodate the expensive tastes of his daughter by offering his services to the British Secret Service. In order to justify his pay, and having no idea how to recruit or run a spy ring, he resorts to invention. With Maureen O'Hara, Burt Lancaster, Ralph Richardson and Noel Coward. Directed by Carol Reed. 11.30 Anglo-Irish Agreement. A look at how life in Northern Ireland, Eire, and Britain has been affected by the year-long Hillsborough Agreement. Their Lordships' House. Glyn Mathias presents highlights of the debate on the Queen's Speech. Ends at 12.40.

VARIATIONS

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SPORT

Polish defeat Ireland handily

Poland cruised to a comfortable 1-0 win over Republic of Ireland in a friendly match at Warsaw yesterday.

The Polish forward Koniarek calmly beat Bonner in the Irish goal from a precise cross sent by his midfield colleague Rudy.

The second half was highlighted by the performance of midfielder player Tarasiewicz, who made a searing series of runs at the Irish goal, and almost added a second goal when a shot from 30 yards was badly-parried by Bonner, and almost crept in on the rebound.

Hungary's hopes of progressing beyond the group rounds of the European Championship all but disappeared in Athens when they were beaten 2-1 by Greece yesterday. They are now bottom of group five, with no points from two matches.

Greece, very much in charge early on, established a two-goal lead after 65 minutes. Hungarian substitute Boda revived his side's faint hopes with a goal 17 minutes from the end, but the home side hung on to win.

The future now looks bleak for the East European side, who returned from the World Cup in disgrace following heavy defeats in the opening rounds in Mexico. Manager Imre Komora threatened to break up the team if it was disgraced in Athens, and the result could spell the end of several players' international careers.

The Hungarians failed to produce a shot on goal in the first half, and were kept in the match by a string of excellent saves by their goalkeeper, Szendrei. But slack defence allowed Mitropoulos to open the scoring in the 38th minute, and another error 20 minutes into the second half gave Anastopoulos, playing in his 55th international, the second goal.

Czechoslovakia and Denmark remain locked at the top of group six following their 0-0 draw in Bratislava. Almost 50,000 spectators watched a game that rarely showed much spark.

The Danish defence were frequently troubled by the Czech attackers, who were too often over-elaborate in front of goal.

Danish strikers Elkjaer and Laudrup were constantly policed by a home defence well-marshalled by Levy, leaving the crowd's wait for goals in vain. The two teams top the group with three points each from two matches. Wales, the next team to face the Czechs, will be pleased to learn that Levy received his second championship booking, and will miss the group match in April.

Hughes saves the blushes as Irish stumble on

From Clive White, Izmir, Turkey

Turkey..... 0 Northern Ireland..... 0

Turkey, the team whom England embarrassed to the tune of 13 goals in the last World Cup qualifying competition, were again allowed to recover their respectability by a disappointingly dull Northern Ireland side.

In a group of this European championship where either country's interest is purely academic it was to be hoped that the Irish could offer some encouraging pointer towards the future, particularly in terms of a greater attacking width.

With Wilson, a prolific goal scorer for Brighton, making his international debut, Penney, his club team mate passed fit earlier in the day after suffering from tendonitis and Clarke hitting the net for Southampton with increasing regularity, hopes were high, fingers crossed. But there was no adventure in Irish hearts nor confidence in their ability to piece together a game which might expose a defence that had conceded four to Yugoslavia a fortnight ago when looking even inferior to the side which had capitulated against England.

Turkey made two changes but it might have been 11 judging by the effect they had upon Northern Ireland. There were too many anonymous performances in attacking positions in the Northern Ireland team; in defence they were their usual unsubmitting selves. Quinn and Campbell were both substituted in the last 16 minutes as Billyingham, the Northern Ireland manager, tried to jolt his players out of a uninspiring pattern. The absence of Whiteside, Stewart and Nicholl should hardly have

Scotland to test new pitch

Scotland is set to follow the example of some English football clubs by permitting the introduction of artificial all-weather pitches. Following a meeting of the 38 League clubs in Glasgow yesterday, Jim Farry, the Scottish League secretary, revealed that there is a willingness to experiment with the new synthetic surface for a trial period.

Stirling Albion, of the second division, have applied to lay an artificial pitch. "The general impression gained from the meeting is that the majority of the clubs may be willing to allow an experiment in Scotland," Farry said. "That viewpoint will now be relayed to the League management committee."

devalued the Irish so severely. Goodness knows how well an Irish victory would have gone down with the home crowd who before the finish were flinging cardboard pieces on to the pitch in disgust at their own team's failure to take advantage of the opposition. The decision beforehand of Coskun, the Turkish manager, to resign was well timed in their eyes.

Turkey have repeatedly caused Northern Ireland problems down the years even though the Irish have lost only one of their seven meetings. Three years ago that single defeat cost them a highly merited presence in the European championship finals in France. Here with little at stake apart from their pride they again stumbled their way through.

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The Turks attitude towards visiting teams seems to have mellowed since seven years ago when the players of Wales were pelted with tomatoes before play had even begun. Yesterday afternoon they restricted it to an audible assault upon Irish nerves in this 70,000 capacity Ataturk Stadium. The crowd, though, was a disappointing one, congregating around the halfway line and up to the high perimeter like ants collecting in the opening minutes when a post and Hughes, the Irish goalkeeper came to Northern Ireland's aid in quick succession. Savas cracked the shot against an upright and Tanju, following up, extracted a fine save from Hughes.

In the next minute Metin clipped the ball over the bar from the sort of position that made you fear for the Irish.

Turkey, then, were playing as though time was running out, sprinting for the ball at every throw-in and free kick. But the adrenalin gradually decreased while Northern Ireland recovered their senses - if not their imagination.

In the first and final half hour Turkey showed excellent pace when breaking from defence with Savas at the hub of the best of their creative movement. Between these periods they became more predictable and the Irish contained them without great difficulty. But they came alive again as the game ebbed towards its inevitable stalemate. With nine minutes remaining Hughes was again required to save Irish blushes when he produced a fine scrambling save to beat out a fierce drive by Senol.

TURKEY: Fahir, B Ismail, Kadir, K Ismail, Yusuf, Senol, Namin, Ugur, Senol, Tanju (sub: Ozturan), Fahir. NORTHERN IRELAND: P Hughes (Goal), M Donaghy (Liam), J McSheehy (Widener), A McDonald (GPR), B Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), D Wilson (Brighton), D McCree (Newcastle United), S Penney (Brighton), G Campbell (Nottingham Forest), G McCall, Shewchuk (Luton), C Oates (Southampton), J Quinn (Blackburn Rovers) (sub: L Semchuk, Winstanley), Referee: D Patrascu (Romania).

Swedish match

Cecilia Dahlman, of Sweden, is poised for a semi-final match against her compatriot, Elizabeth Ekblom, in the LTA women's indoor tournament at the Matchpoint Centre, Bramhall, Miss Ekblom, aged 28 and the top seed, put out the West German, Marina Pawlik, 6-4, 6-2 in the quarter-finals while Miss Dahlman, aged 18 and the runner-up at Queen's Club last week, disposed of Simone Schilder, of the Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6. Carin Bakkuum beat fellow Dutch player, Digna Ketselaar, 6-3, 6-2 and will play Regina Rajciová, of Czechoslovakia, for a place in Friday's final.

Halifax consider survival plans

Shareholders and creditors of the fourth division club, Halifax Town, who owe £424,000, were told yesterday of two plans to ensure their survival.

The club chairman, John Madeley, said that Calderdale Council, which owns the ground on which the club has a 125-year lease, were considering both schemes.

He revealed that one London property group was offering £2.25 million to the council for the ground, which they would then develop as a shopping park - but that would mean the club having to leave the ground where they have been in operation since 1911.

If planning permission was approved, the club and the council would share the £2.25 million. Out of its share, the club would pay off its debts and use the remainder towards operating on another ground.

The other scheme, put forward by another property developer, was to buy the lease from the council and pump £2 million into turning the ground into a general sports complex with the club remaining there. The developer will also pay off the club's debts.

The club may ask the Football Association to advance the kick-off time of Saturday's FA Cup tie against Bolton because the Yorkshire Electricity Board - who are owed £1,000 - have cut off the supply to the club's floodlights.

Watson back in action

Dave Watson, Everton's England defender, is expected to play in a Central League match against Blackburn Rovers at Goodison Park tonight. Watson has missed Everton's last four games with a hamstring injury.

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He gave flood damage at his London flat as the reason for his hurried departure but, when he arrived in London, claimed the only job he was offered in Australia was as a doorman. "We hope to get a judgment here and serve him with it in England," Bell said. The club was at least \$A5,000 (£2,200) out of pocket, he said.

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Worcestershire, the favourites to sign Ian Botham, revealed last night they already have a major sponsor lined up to offset the cost of employing the England all-rounder, should they win the race to secure his services.

Jones for sale

Swinton have transfer-listed winger Ken Jones, the former England Rugby Union co-captain, at a fee of £10,000. Jones, aged 24, joined Swinton from Leigh RUFC six years ago.



Soldier of fortune: Mansdorf battles to victory yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Mansdorf soldiers on after his equipment goes AWOL

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

An Israeli army sergeant playing in borrowed shoes beat the second seed, Henri Leconte, by 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 in the Benson and Hedges Championships at Wembley yesterday. Amos Mansdorf, aged 21, had to make do with shoes from the ball boys' stock because his own - plus two rackets - had been stolen.

Dick Savitt, the 1951 Wimbledon champion, regularly visits Israel to supervise coaching and he has been helping Mansdorf since today's soldier of the courts was 13. In the past three years, he has often sat in an army office reading tournament results instead of playing. But the army have given him a lot of time off, and, at Wembley, his game was sharpened by three matches in the qualifying competition.

This is the first time Mansdorf has beaten a player ranked in the top ten. He played well, often very well. But it did not make sense that he should beat a man who reached the French and Wimbledon semi-finals, the United States quarter-finals, and played a superb match with Stefan Edberg in Stockholm last Saturday.

The match illustrated a point made here a week ago: that, by this time of year, the better players are jaded (or injured) because they have been playing and winning so often, whereas less successful players remain fit and eager.

Results

FIRST ROUND: S Zimovovic (Yug) bt J Gurmerson (Swed), 7-5, 6-4, D Pate (US) bt C Stein (USA), 6-1, 6-2; I Kruk (USSR) bt Daves (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt H Leconte (Frc), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

SECOND ROUND: K Curran (US) bt P Lundgren (Swed), 7-5, 6-4, 6-2; Y Noah (Fr) bt M DePalma (US), 6-2, 7-6.

in suggesting that the rules should be applied more flexibly to players who have been ill or injured.

It must be added that the players' union, the Association of Tennis Professionals, are partly to blame for today's system. The 1973 Wimbledon boycott arose from a sound ATP principle that players should be free to play when, and where, they choose as long as they honoured their commitments. The ATP have since found it expedient to compromise that principle by accepting a fixed number of

designated tournaments every year. David Pate, who reached the semi-finals last year, is again in the last eight. Pate comes from Las Vegas and, like most residents of Las Vegas, has learned to respect the odds. He is a brisk and neat player, a professional's professional who tries nothing fancy but does everything right. Yesterday, he finished off Christo Steyn with two aces. Johan Kriek, playing his first tournament since the US championships, beat Scott Davis to reach the quarter-finals for the second consecutive year.

The first result of the day was that of a doubles match begun the previous evening. Sherwood Stewart and Kim Warwick, respectively aged 40 and 34, came back from 3-5 down in the third set to beat Jakob Hlasek and Leonardo Lavalle 6-3, 6-7, 10-8 in a match that lasted two hours and 12 minutes and ended at 1.34 am. That was a late working shift for such elderly players.

There was another good win in the doubles when two Australians, Brod Dyke and Wally Masur, beat Andres Gomez and Tomas Smid 7-6, 3-6, 9-7. Gomez and Smid have both won grand slam tournaments this year with other partners, and they were seeded second at Wembley. Dyke and Masur are a more familiar team and tend to be hard to beat.

His controlled style of running and intelligent use of the ball perfectly complements the daring individual skills of the Mexican international, Sanchez, and Bustragoie, who both possess the ability to beat defenders at will with the ball. But, like Juanito, he recognizes that Madrid's strength lies in midfield where Michel, Gallego and Gordillo, frequently supplemented by the abrasive skills of specialist marker Chendo, combine pace and experience with technique so refined that even the greatest of strikers are forced to hesitate in search of possession when Madrid took control.

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Valdano said: "I am enjoying myself more than at any time in my career. It has been a great year and should lead to the final - at least we hope so. We believed that it was a terrible thing to meet Juventus in only the second round. It should have been a final or a semi-final - but we knew it was the most important match of the season too and we had to win."

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It remains to be seen whether the Goodyear announcement causes a rethink by Pirelli, or perhaps encourages Michelin to make a Formula One comeback earlier than they might otherwise have contemplated. The other possibility, of course, is Japan's entry into the Grand Prix scene - something which has been on the cards for some time.

Sleeping giants wake up at last

Real Madrid may have arrived in the European Cup quarter-finals by virtue of the failures of Juventus from the penalty spot but there is a growing confidence within the Spanish champions' squad that this may be the year in which they reclaim their former glories.

The six-times winners of the premier trophy of European club football last appeared in a Champions' Cup final in 1981 when they lost 1-0 to Liverpool in Paris in a final best remembered by one critic's description of the play as "chloroform football." Now, however, with a team full of pace, strength, vision and experience, they are hoping to match the magical traditions of a heritage left by Di Stefano, Gento and Puskas.

"We have been haunted by their names and the great teams of the past," said Juanito, their veteran winner and a key member of the 1981 team, who now, at the age of 31, has become a tactical substitute and expert penalty-taker. "But I think this team can emulate the old ones if we have luck on our side. The old team played in a different era but this one has the same commitment to attack and the same flair and individuality inside a team framework."

"It is certainly the best Real Madrid team I have played with in my career. The players are young but experienced and they have everything to play for." Juanito revealed his continuing value to Madrid by stroking home the fourth Madrid penalty in the Stadio Comunale as Juventus suffered a nightmare defeat in front of their own fans. A few moments earlier, Madrid's other elder statesman, the Argentine World Cup-winning forward Jorge Valdano, had placed an impeccable low spotkick past Stefano Tacconi to put the Spanish champions 2-1 ahead on penalties.

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MOTOR RACING

Goodyear to withdraw from Formula One

By John Blunsden

Grand Prix racing is the latest casualty in the battle by Goodyear to fight off the takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith. Yesterday the company, which was expected to be the only tyre supplier in Formula One next year following the withdrawal of Pirelli, announced it was terminating its direct financial support of Grand Prix racing as part of its "corporate restructuring programme to enhance shareholder value."

The company has already announced it is disposing of its aerospace, wheel manufacturing and Celeron energy companies in order to raise funds with which to buy back its own shares, and on Tuesday it revealed that its European airship division was also to be closed down. Goodyear's racing tyre manufacturing base is in Akron, Ohio, but the racing services organization has its headquarters in Wolverhampton, where redundancies are inevitable.

The company has already informed both FISA, the governing body of the sport, and FOCA, the constructors' association, of its decision, and the only glimmer of hope for Formula One teams is that Goodyear has indicated to both bodies that it is willing to negotiate to manufacture and sell a standard specification tyre for use in 1987. This would suggest that the sport

would have to pay for the facility, also for the essential servicing which would be needed to back up the tyre supply.

This would be a complete reversal of the situation in the past where Goodyear (and other tyre suppliers) have made a major financial contribution to be part of the Formula One scene, including regular payments to leading teams which take part in tyre tests. Goodyear has never divulged the extent of its investment in Formula One, but as it has been servicing the needs of the majority of teams, it is difficult to imagine how this could have been achieved at a cost of less than \$5-20 million per season.

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Early plans

Worcestershire, the favourites to sign Ian Botham, revealed last night they already have a major sponsor lined up to offset the cost of employing the England all-rounder, should they win the race to secure his services.

Jones for sale

Swinton have transfer-listed winger Ken Jones, the former England Rugby Union co-captain, at a fee of £10,000. Jones, aged 24, joined Swinton from Leigh RUFC six years ago.

MOTOR RACING

Goodyear to withdraw from Formula One

By John Blunsden

Grand Prix racing is the latest casualty in the battle by Goodyear to fight off the takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith. Yesterday the company, which was expected to be the only tyre supplier in Formula One next year following the withdrawal of Pirelli, announced it was terminating its direct financial support of Grand Prix racing as part of its "corporate restructuring programme to enhance shareholder value."

The company has already announced it is disposing of its aerospace, wheel manufacturing and Celeron energy companies in order to raise funds with which to buy back its own shares, and on Tuesday it revealed that its European airship division was also to be closed down. Goodyear's racing tyre manufacturing base is in Akron, Ohio, but the racing services organization has its headquarters in Wolverhampton, where redundancies are inevitable.

The company has already informed both FISA, the governing body of the sport, and FOCA, the constructors' association, of its decision, and the only glimmer of hope for Formula One teams is that Goodyear has indicated to both bodies that it is willing to negotiate to manufacture and sell a standard specification tyre for use in 1987. This would suggest that the sport

would have to pay for the facility, also for the essential servicing which would be needed to back up the tyre supply.

This would be a complete reversal of the situation in the past where Goodyear (and other tyre suppliers) have made a major financial contribution to be part of the Formula One scene, including regular payments to leading teams which take part in tyre tests. Goodyear has never divulged the extent of its investment in Formula One, but as it has been servicing the needs of the majority of teams, it is difficult to imagine how this could have been achieved at a cost of less than \$5-20 million per season.